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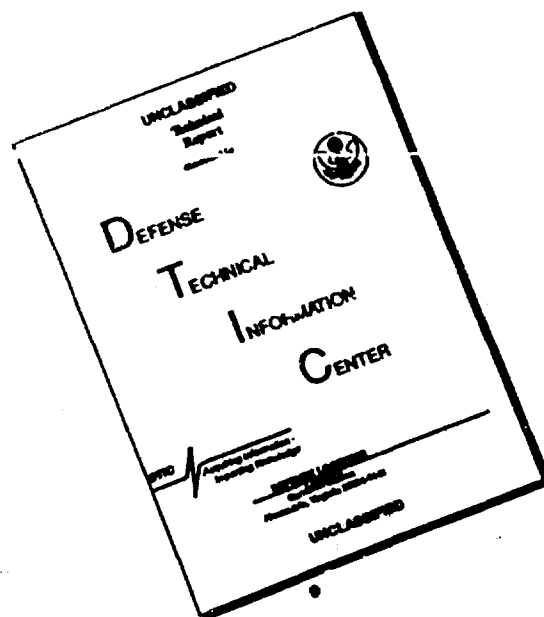


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# INTRODUCTION

# AGENDA

## DAY 1

Introduction  
History of Artificial Intelligence  
Understanding Knowledge Intensive Activities  
Understanding Knowledge  
Understanding Reasoning  
Overview of Methodology

## DAY 2

Application Area Selection  
Knowledge Elicitation  
    - *overviews*  
    - *techniques*  
Project Management & Roles of the Project Team  
System Design  
Selecting Tools  
Open Discussion

# COURSE DYNAMICS

## ENTHUSIASM



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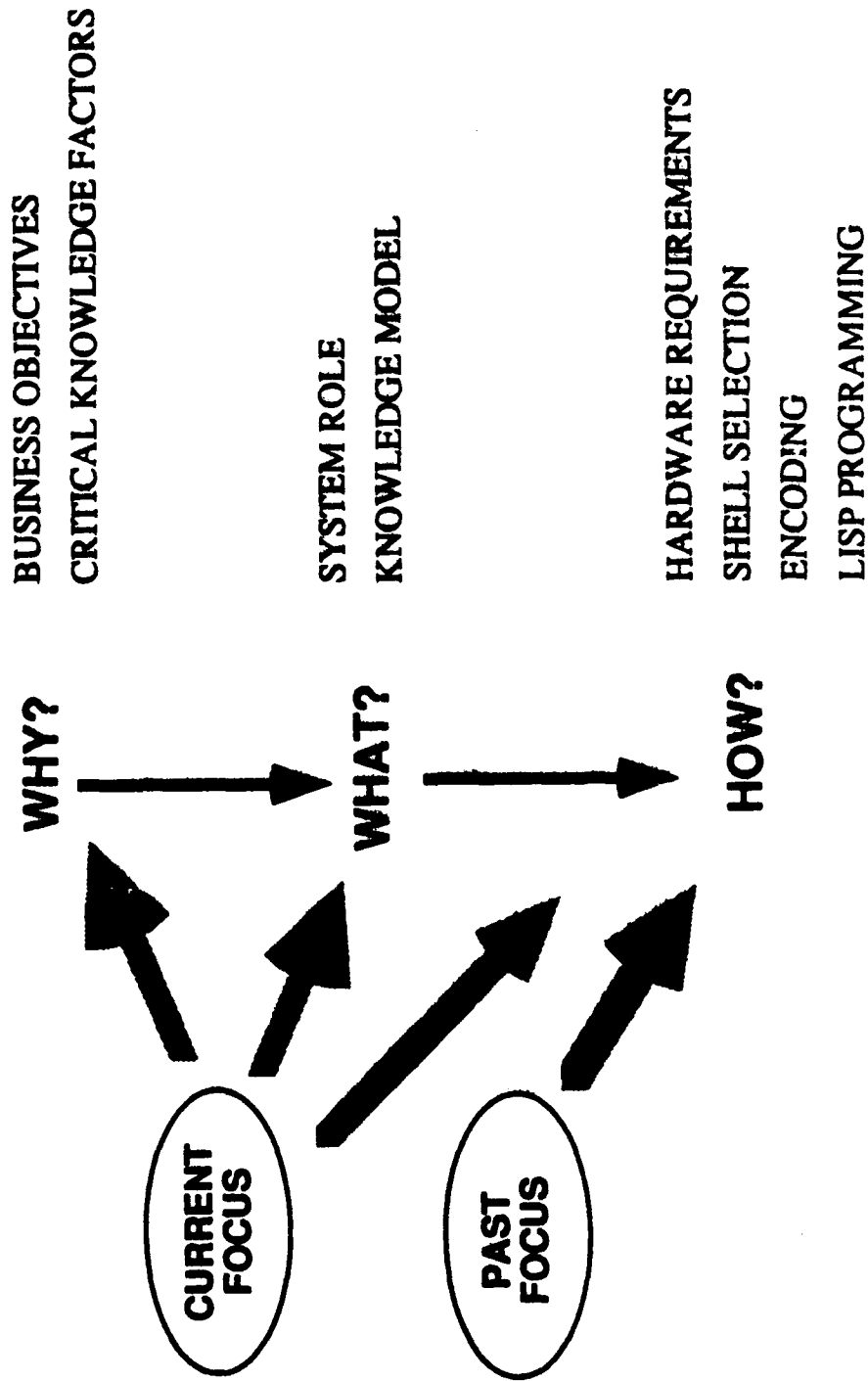
# **WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?**

- **A COLLECTION OF SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES**
- **A METHODOLOGY FOR APPLYING THESE TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES**
- **AN APPROACH TO EMULATING HUMAN PROBLEM SOLVING TASKS**
- **A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT CAN BE AUTOMATED**
- **A STRATEGY FOR MANAGING KNOWLEDGE AS A CORPORATE RESOURCE**



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# FOCUS OF AI EFFORTS



## **SKILLS NECESSARY TO DO AI**

- **Understanding Operating and Business Environments**
- **Understanding Knowledge Tasks**
- **Cognitive Science**
- **Knowledge Elicitation**
- **Knowledge Analysis**
- **Rational Reconstruction**
- **Knowledge Encoding**
- **AI Architectures**
- **AI Programming**
- **Man-Machine Interfaces**
- **Conventional CS Technologies**
- **MIS Integration**

# KBS IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

**WHY?**

BUSINESS ANALYSIS &  
INVESTIGATION

APPLICATION SELECTION

**WHAT?**

KNOWLEDGE  
ELICITATION

KNOWLEDGE  
CODIFICATION

**HOW?**

PROTOTYPING

MAN/MACHINE INTERFACE

**FINISH!**

IMPLEMENTATION  
DESIGN - CREATE

INTEGRATE - DEPLOY

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## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

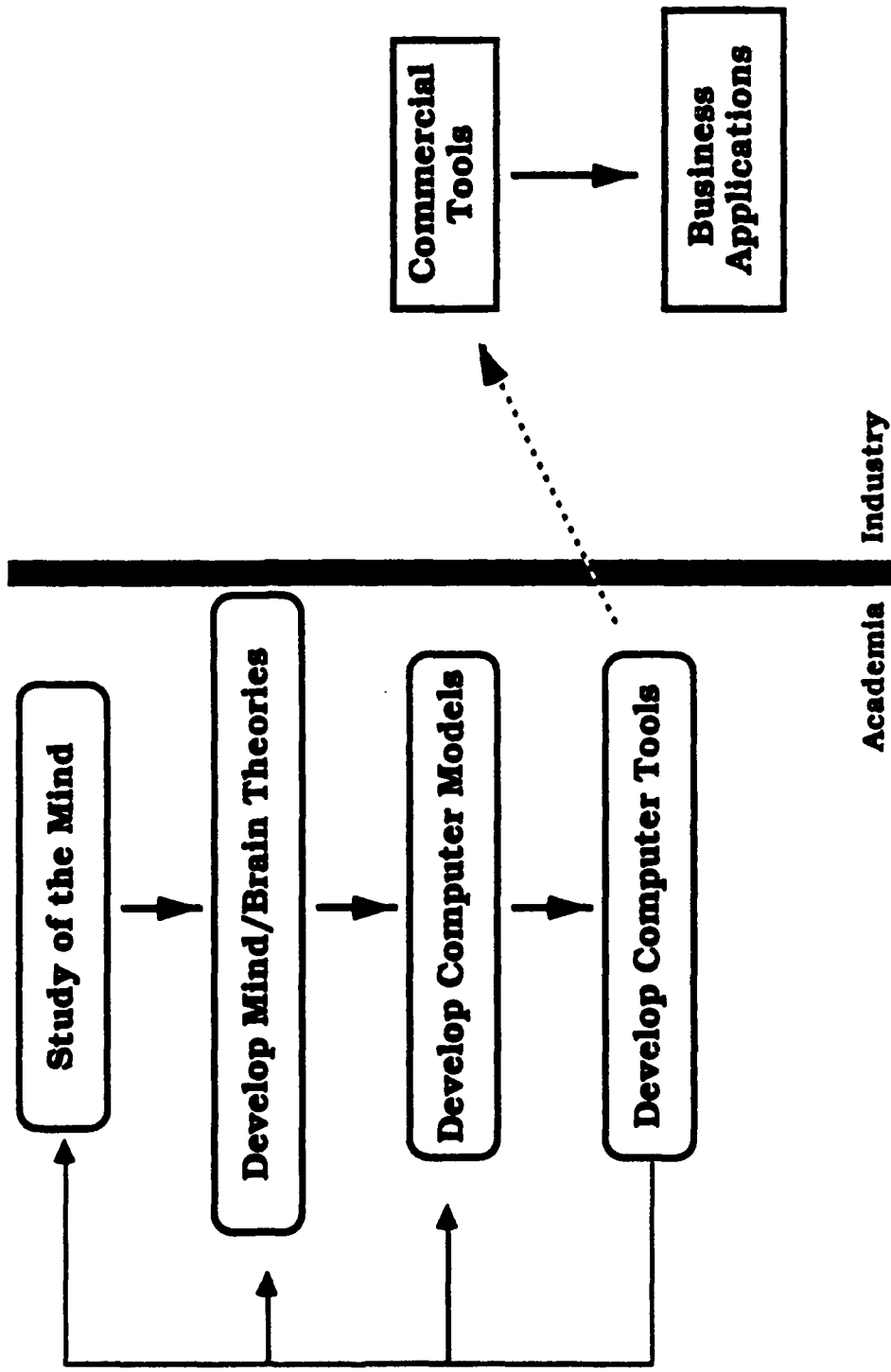
- **Provide a Framework and Flexible Methodology for Developing Expert/Knowledge-Based Systems**
- **Provide a "Grab Bag" of Tools and Techniques**
- **Demonstrate the Concepts through Case Study Examples and Hands On Exercises**
- **Introduce the Cognitive Aspects of Artificial Intelligence**
- **Promote a New Way of Thinking -- *gestalt shift***

# HISTORY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

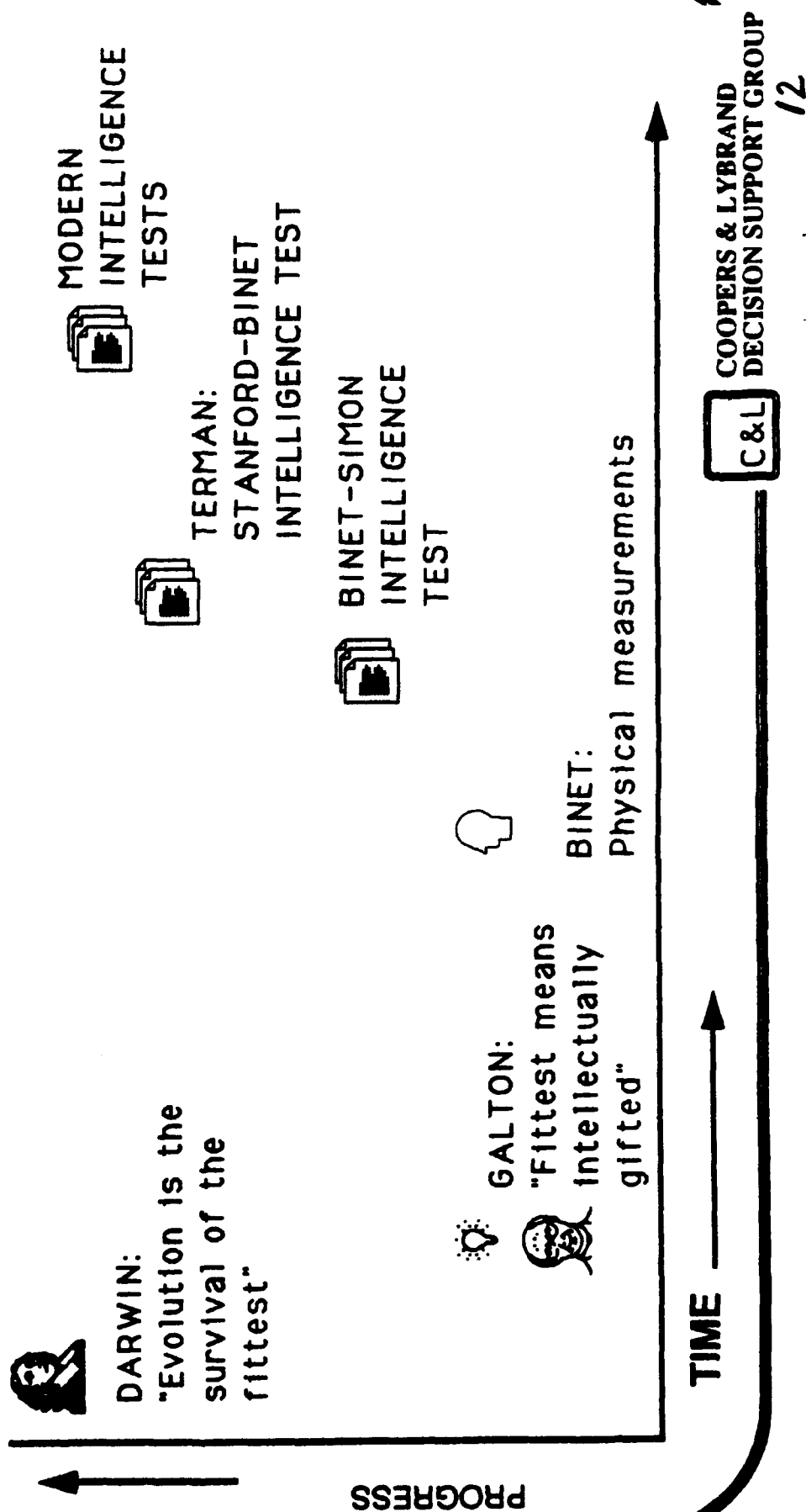
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# EVOLUTION OF "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"



# DEFINING AND MEASURING HUMAN INTELLIGENCE



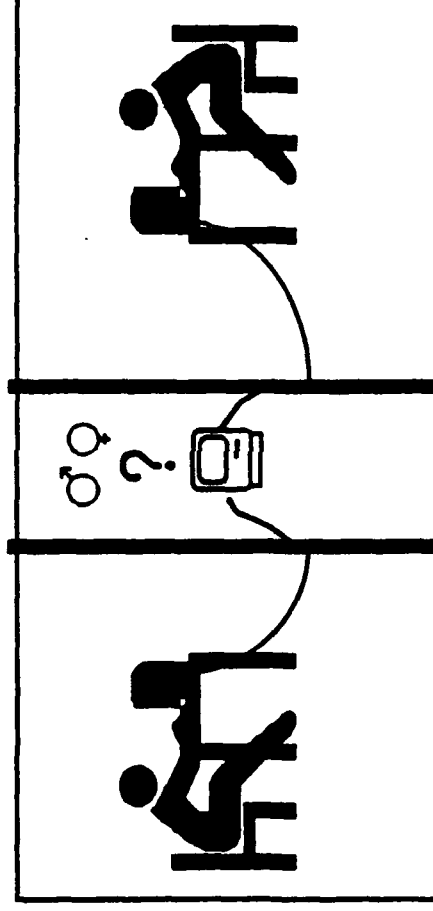


## **WHAT DO TODAY'S TESTS MEASURE?**

- **VOCABULARY**
- **ANALOGIES**
- **PICTURE COMPLETION**
- **ABILITY TO REASON**
- **MEMORY**
- **IDENTIFY SIMILARITIES**
- **ABILITY TO FORM CONCLUSIONS**
- **IDENTIFY PATTERNS**
- **IDENTIFY ANOMALIES**

# THE TURING TEST

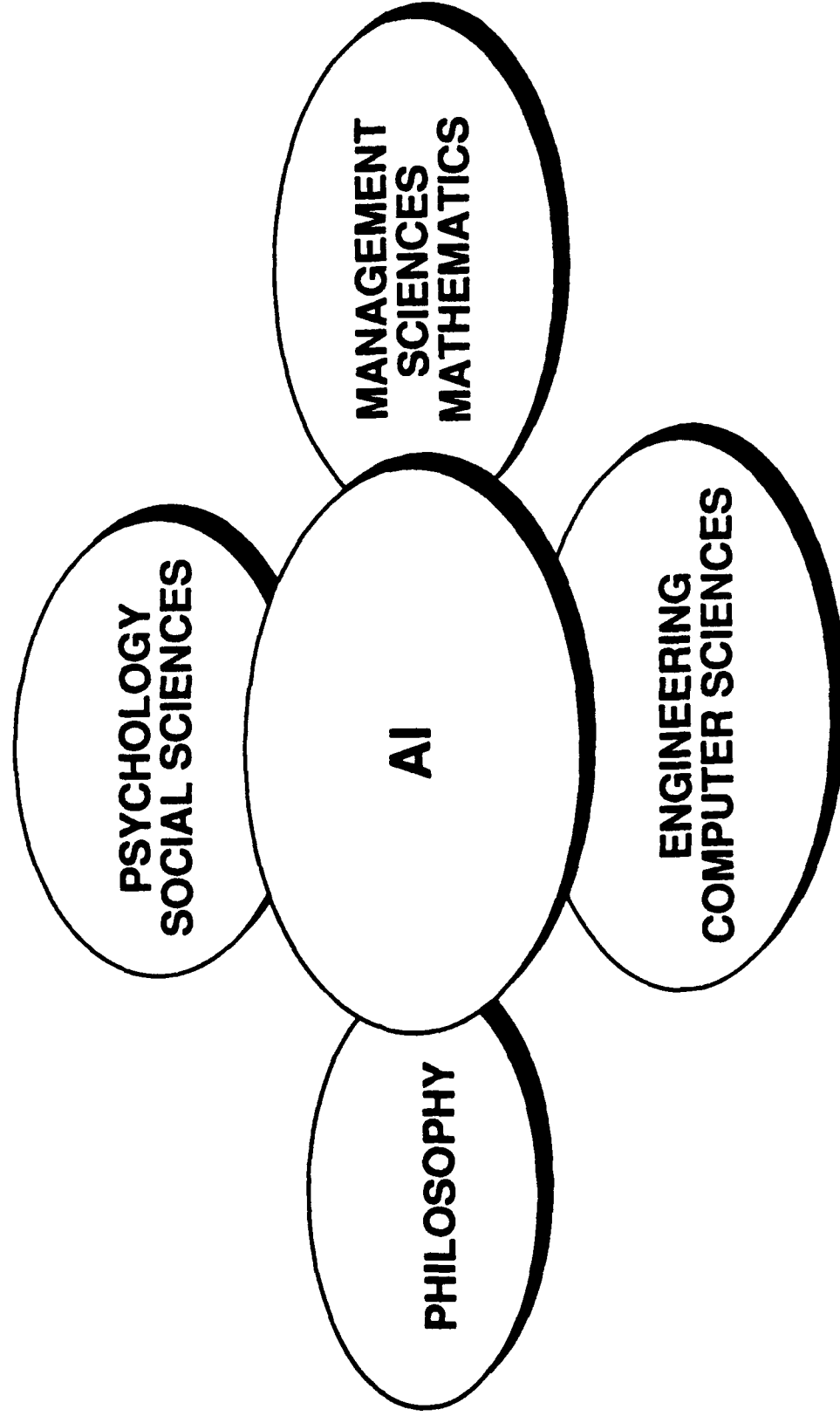
- Alan Turing - British mathematician and logician
- *Computing Machinery and Intelligence*
- "Can a machine think?"



## THE DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE

- John McCarthy (Father of AI) and Marvin Minsky proposed a two-month, ten-man study during summer of 1956 at Dartmouth College.
- Origin of the term "artificial intelligence"
- Spin-off of conference: groups at M.I.T., Stanford, and Carnegie Mellon

# ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES



# **FIELDS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

- **KNOWLEDGE-BASED/EXPERT SYSTEMS**
- **NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING**
- **SPEECH RECOGNITION AND SYNTHESIS**
- **MACHINE VISION**
- **ROBOTICS**
- **MACHINE LEARNING**



# KNOWLEDGE-BASED vs. CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS

## CONVENTIONAL SIMILARITIES

### APPROACHES

- Multistage Software Development Practices
- Project Planning, Management, and Control
- Verification and Validation Procedures
- User Training
- System Start-up and Cut-over
- System Maintenance

### TECHNIQUES

- Mathematical Modeling
- Computer Network Architectures
- Man-Machine Interfaces
- Drivers and Device Interfaces



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# KNOWLEDGE-BASED VS. CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS

## ADVANCED CONCEPT SIMILARITIES

### APPROACHES

- Task Environment Analysis and Modeling.
- Evolutionary & Rapid Prototyping and Systems Design
- Uaw of Advanced Development Environments (Including CASE)

### TECHNIQUES

- Computer Graphics and WYSIWYG Interfaces
- Object Oriented Programming
- Recursion and Iteration
- Search Strategies
- Computer-based Reasoning Methods
- Heuristic Programming
- Blackboard Architectures
- Parsing and Semantic Structure Interpretation
- Automatic Generation of Context Executable Code
- Hypermedia

# KNOWLEDGE-BASED vs. CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS

## FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES

### APPROACHES

- Knowledge Codification Process: Elicitation, Analysis, Modeling, and Codification
- Expert Reasoning Verification
- Knowledge Base Maintenance
- Analysis of Cognitive Styles of Experts and Users
- System Role (cognitive) within the Task Environment
- Knowledge Management

### TECHNIQUES

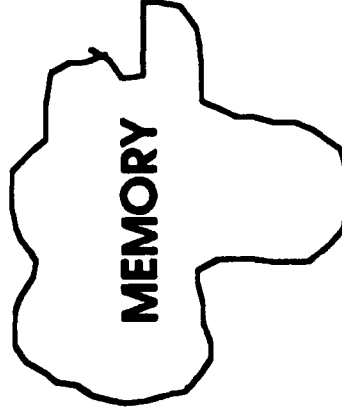
- Symbolic and Qualitative Reasoning
- Interactive Prototyping
- Knowledge Technology Approaches
- Intellectual Reasoning Strategies



# UNDERSTANDING KNOWLEDGE INTENSIVE ACTIVITIES

# KNOWLEDGE

**Symbolics Expressions of Things Held In:**



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# **RESEARCH FINDINGS ON HUMAN COGNITION - COGNITIVE STYLES -**

## ***TYPES***

- **Linguistic**
- **Logical-Mathematical**
- **Spatial**
- **Musical**
- **Bodily-Kinesthetic**
- **Interpersonal**
- **Intrapersonal**

# RESEARCH FINDINGS ON HUMAN COGNITION

## - KNOWLEDGE -

### ***DOMAINS***

- **High Interdependence among Domains**
- **High Interconnectivity among Facts**  
**within a Domain**
- **Both can be Integrated into larger units**
  - **chunks**
  - **scripts**
  - **themes**
  - **images**

# **RESEARCH FINDINGS ON HUMAN COGNITION**

## **- EVOLUTION OF KNOWLEDGE -**

**PROCEDURAL** —————→ **EMBEDDED**

- **First Represented Declaratively as Facts**
- **Becomes Proceduralized through repeated uses/practice**
- **Becomes Compiled**
- **Once compiled, not easily verbalized, deleted or modified**

# **HUMAN MEMORY**

## **PERCEPTUAL MEMORY:**

*lasts for milliseconds*

## **WORKING MEMORY**

*lasts for seconds*

*directly influences bodily movement*

## **LONG TERM MEMORY**

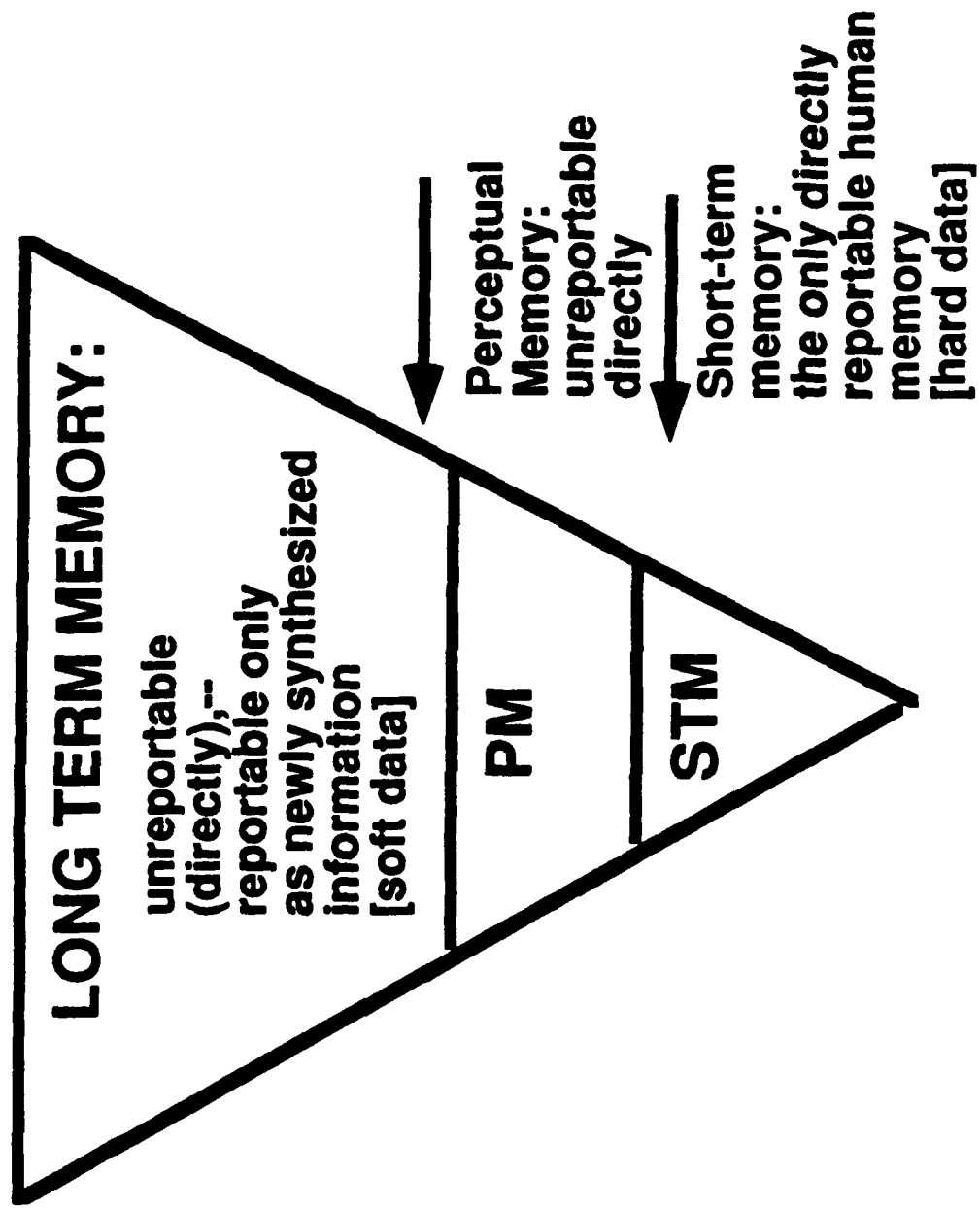
*lasts for years*

*abstracted form of working memory*

*may influence bodily movement*



# THE MEMORY TRIANGLE



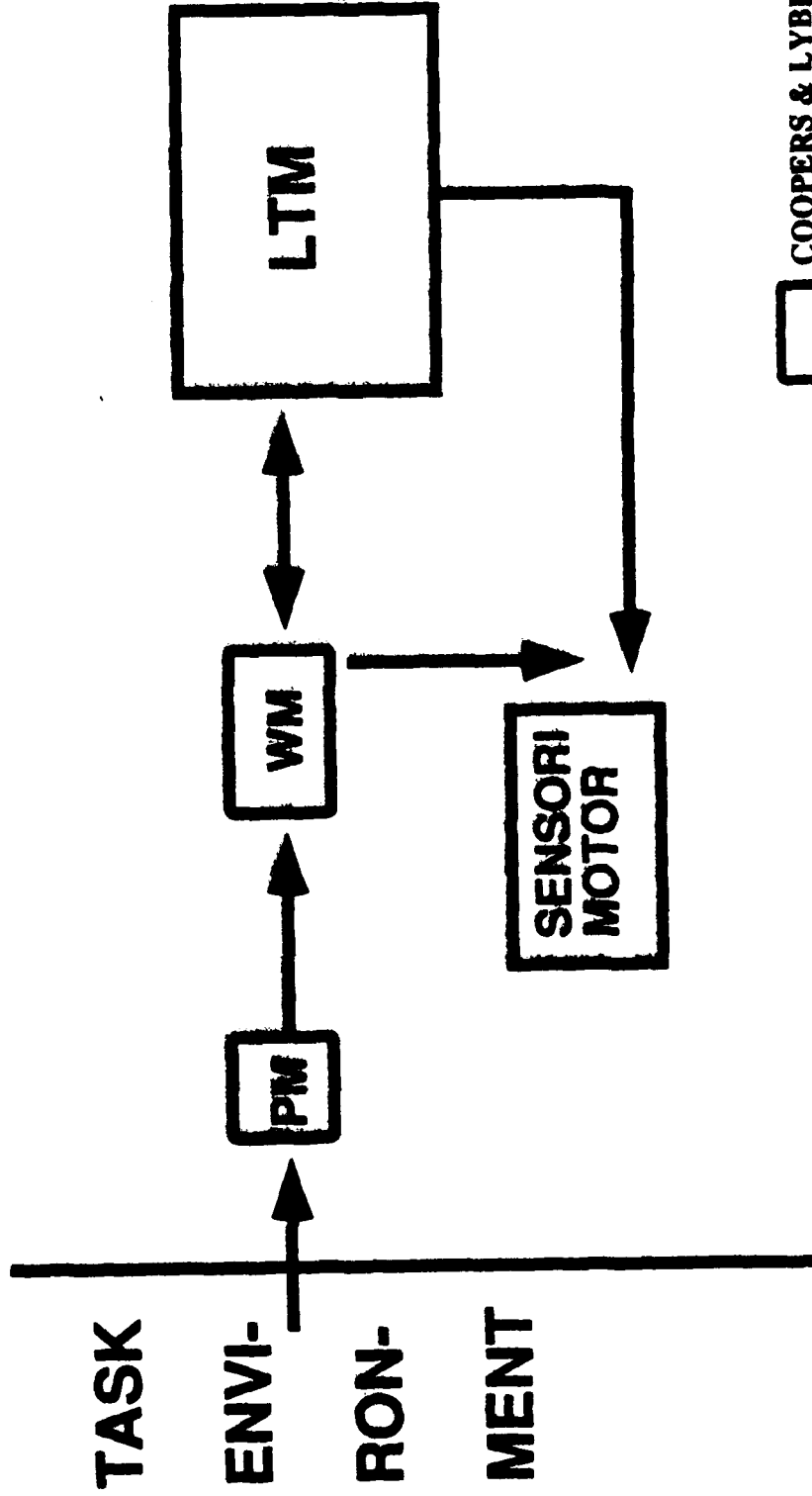
# MEMORY MODEL OF HUMAN EXPERT

## LEGEND:

PM = Perceptual Memory

WM = Working Memory (Short-term memory)

LTM - Long-term memory





## **RESEARCH FINDINGS**

- **Experts have larger working memories for domain knowledge than novices**
- **Experts are still severely limited in number and complexity of items that can be held in working memory**
- **Constraints on human information processing capacity**

# Two Perspectives on Knowledge

## COMPETENCE

Knowledge which is:

- compiled
- divorced from its use in time (diachronic)
- idealized or abstracted
- viewed retrospectively
- newly synthesized while elicited
- stored in long-term memory

## **EXAMPLES OF COMPETENCE KNOWLEDGE**

- **Textbooks**
- **Manuals**
- **Descriptions of standard operating procedures**
- **Descriptions of past experiences**



# Two Perspectives on Knowledge

## PERFORMANCE

Knowledge which is

- observable in knowledge-intensive activities
- executed in real time (synchronic)
- specific to an individual
- viewed concurrently with task performance
- directly reported as it is heeded
- stored in short-term memory



## EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE

- "Think-alouds"
- Spontaneous expressions of thought
  - verbal
  - physical
- Doing a job, performing a task

# UNDERSTANDING KNOWLEDGE

# KNOWLEDGE

**Assertions** about **"objects,"** their properties,  
states, and relations to other "objects"

Relate person to environment  
May proclaim existence  
May describe  
May define  
May classify

Bellefs  
Methods  
Natural phenomena  
Abstract logical objects  
Psychological processes  
Self and others  
Social entities

# KNOWLEDGE DEFINITIONS

KNOWLEDGE IS EXPRESSED IN:

Statements  
Actions

Physical, spatial, temporal arrangements of objects  
Symbolic Representations of Objects  
Practical Activity

Social Processes and Organization  
Culturally valued tasks  
Behavior

Mental Constructs

Theorems  
"Commentary"  
Propositions  
Speeches  
Articles  
Books

Designs  
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Landscapes

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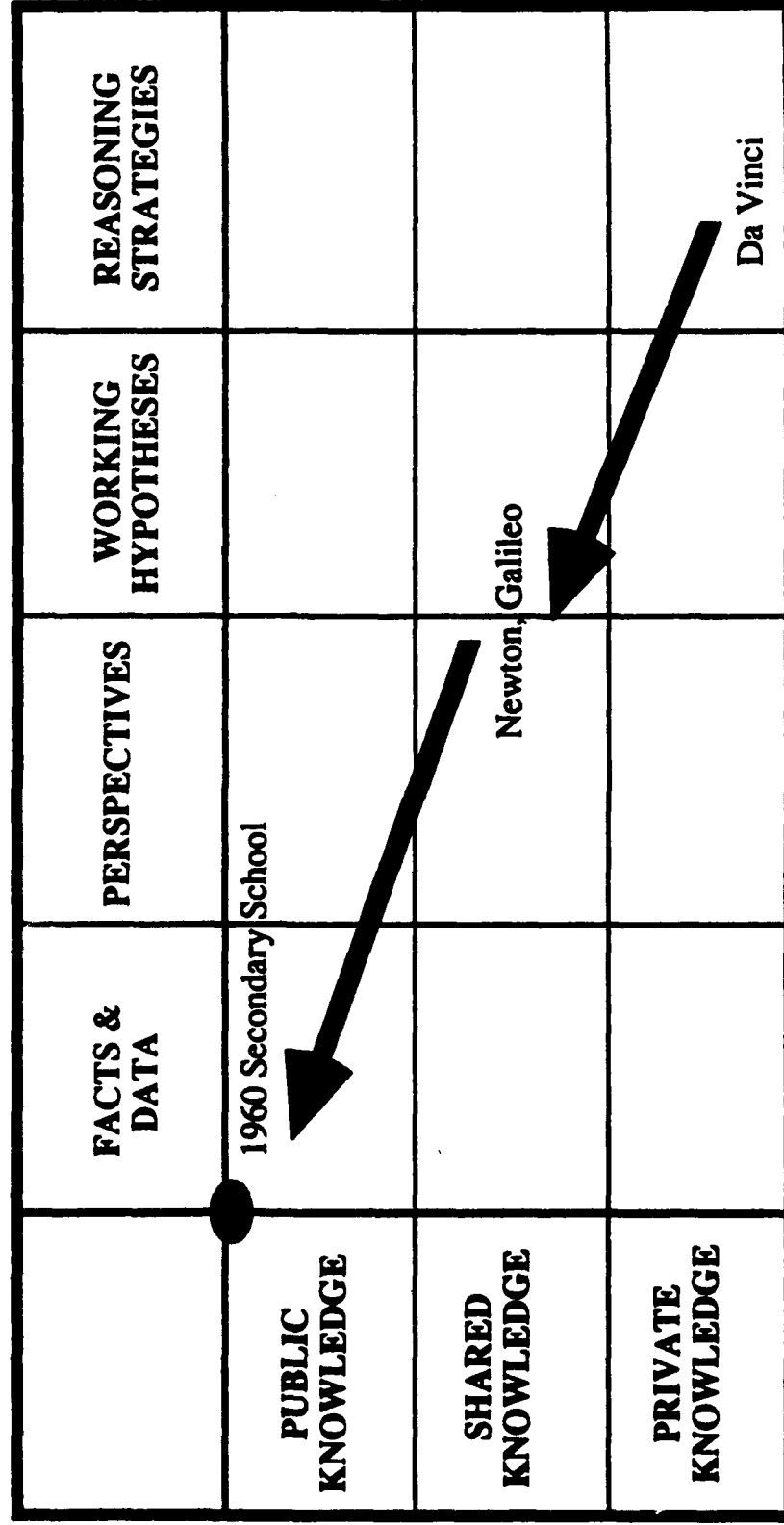
# TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE

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PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE				
SHARED KNOWLEDGE				
PRIVATE KNOWLEDGE				

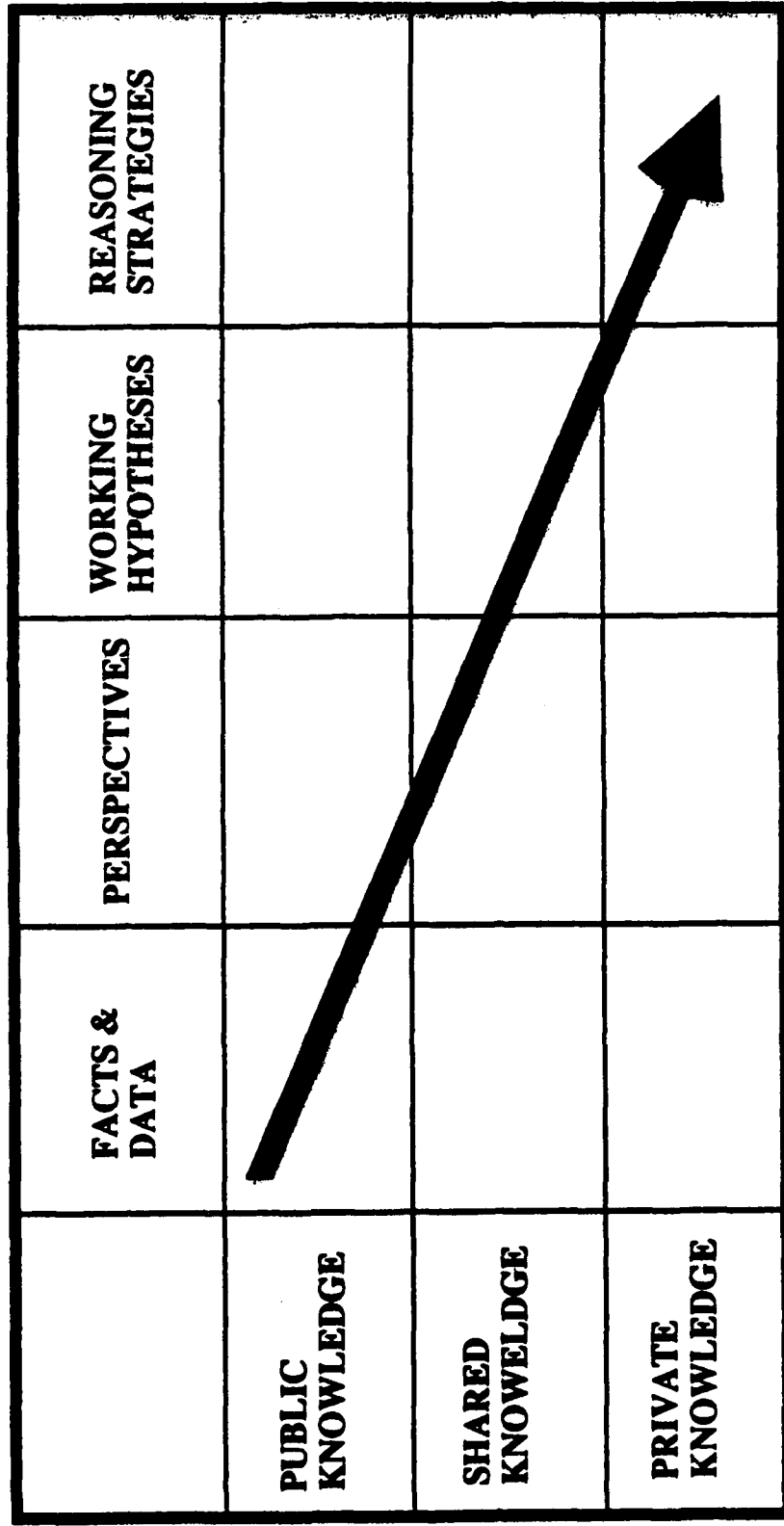
# TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE

	FACTS & DATA	PERSPECTIVES	WORKING HYPOTHESES	REASONING STRATEGIES
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE	Text Book Knowledge	Generally Accepted Points of View	Typical Hypotheses for Implications of Known Contexts	Strategies Taught in Classrooms
SHARED KNOWLEDGE	Specialized Information for a Particular Field	Perspectives Understood in Particular Situations	Insights into Narrowly Understood Situations	Expert Strategies to: Diagnose Manage Synthesize
PRIVATE KNOWLEDGE	Privately Held Data, Observations and Information	Private Concepts and Gestalts	Expectations, Beliefs and Misconceptions	Intuition

# EVOLUTION OF KNOWLEDGE UNDERSTANDING OF DYNAMICS



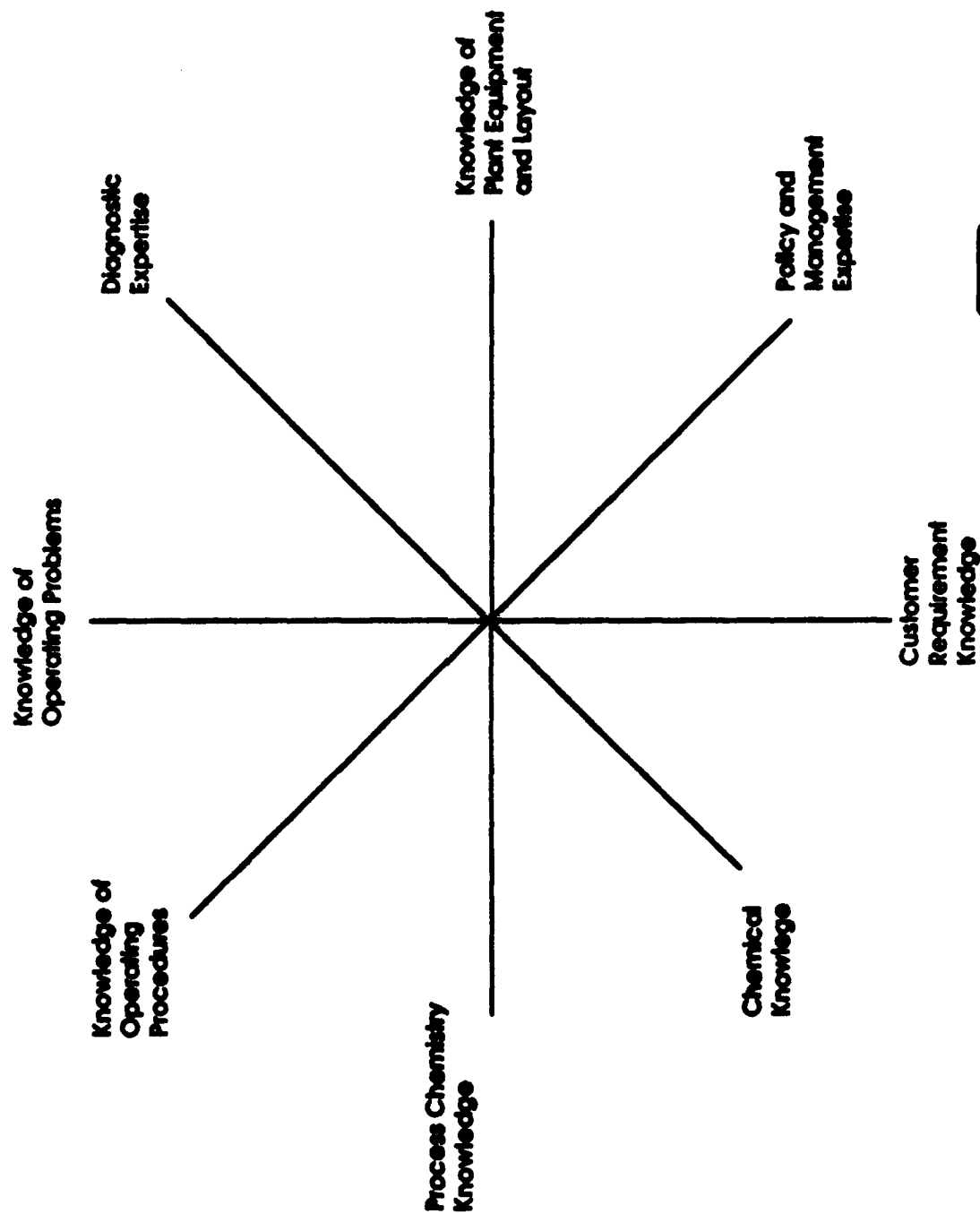
# EVOLUTION OF AI SYSTEMS



# **EXPERTISE**

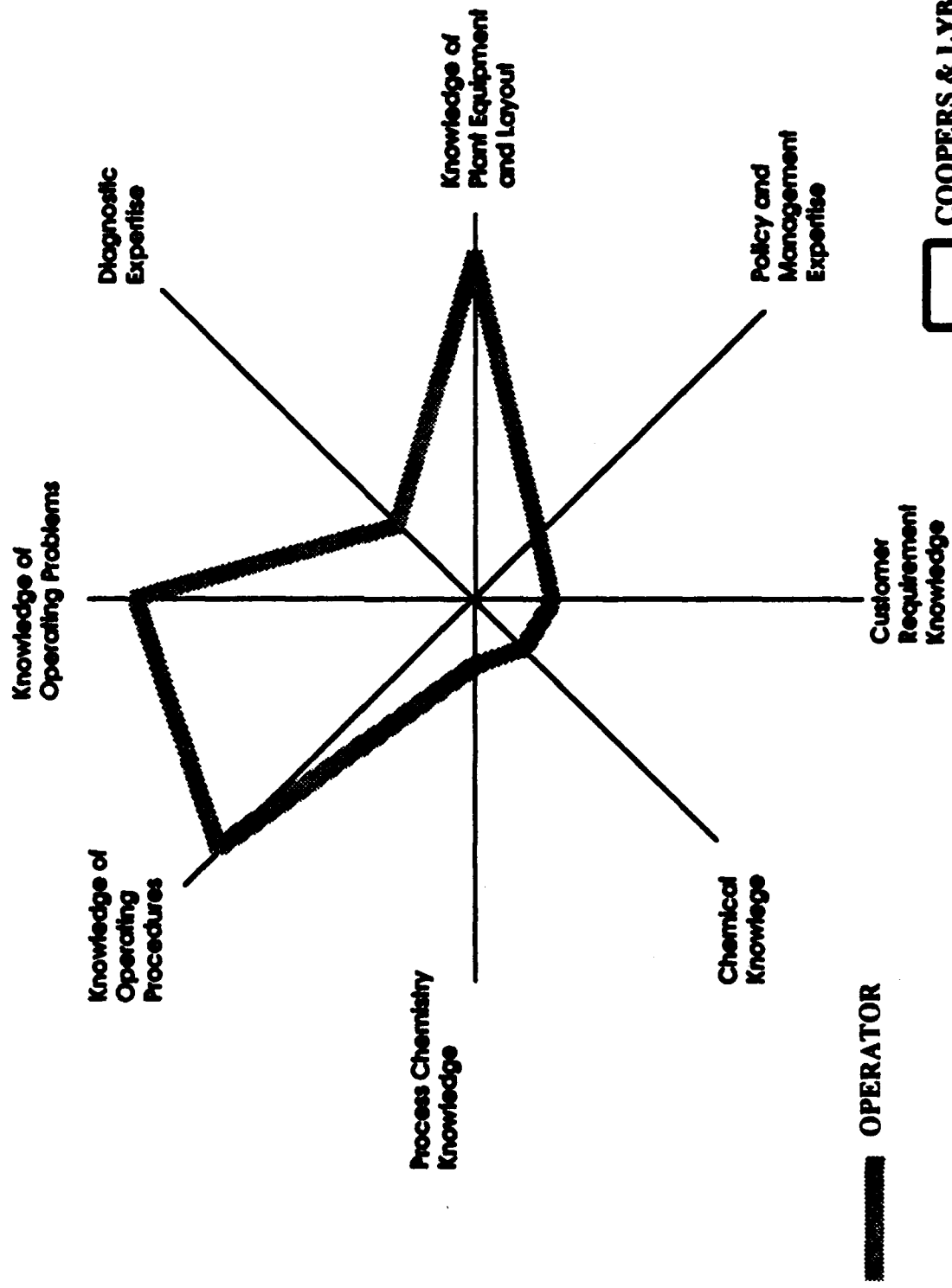
- **High Performance**
- **Ability to Find Acceptable Solutions Efficiently**
- **Ability to Reduce Complexity**
- **Use of Failure Strategies**
- **Ability to Explain**
  - **how a conclusion was reached**
  - **why a particular piece of information is needed**
  - **why a particular conclusion was not reached**
- **Meta-Knowledge**

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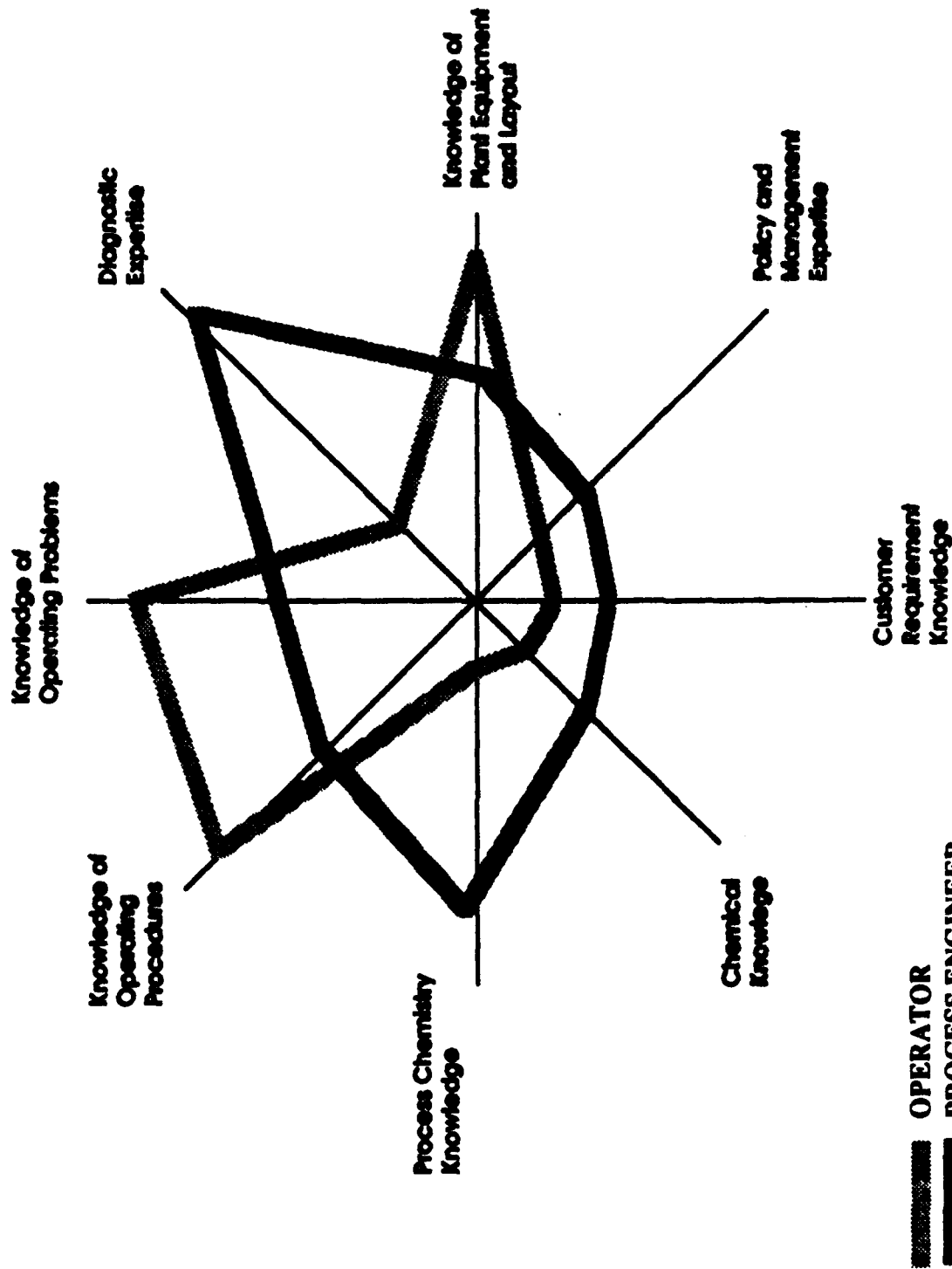




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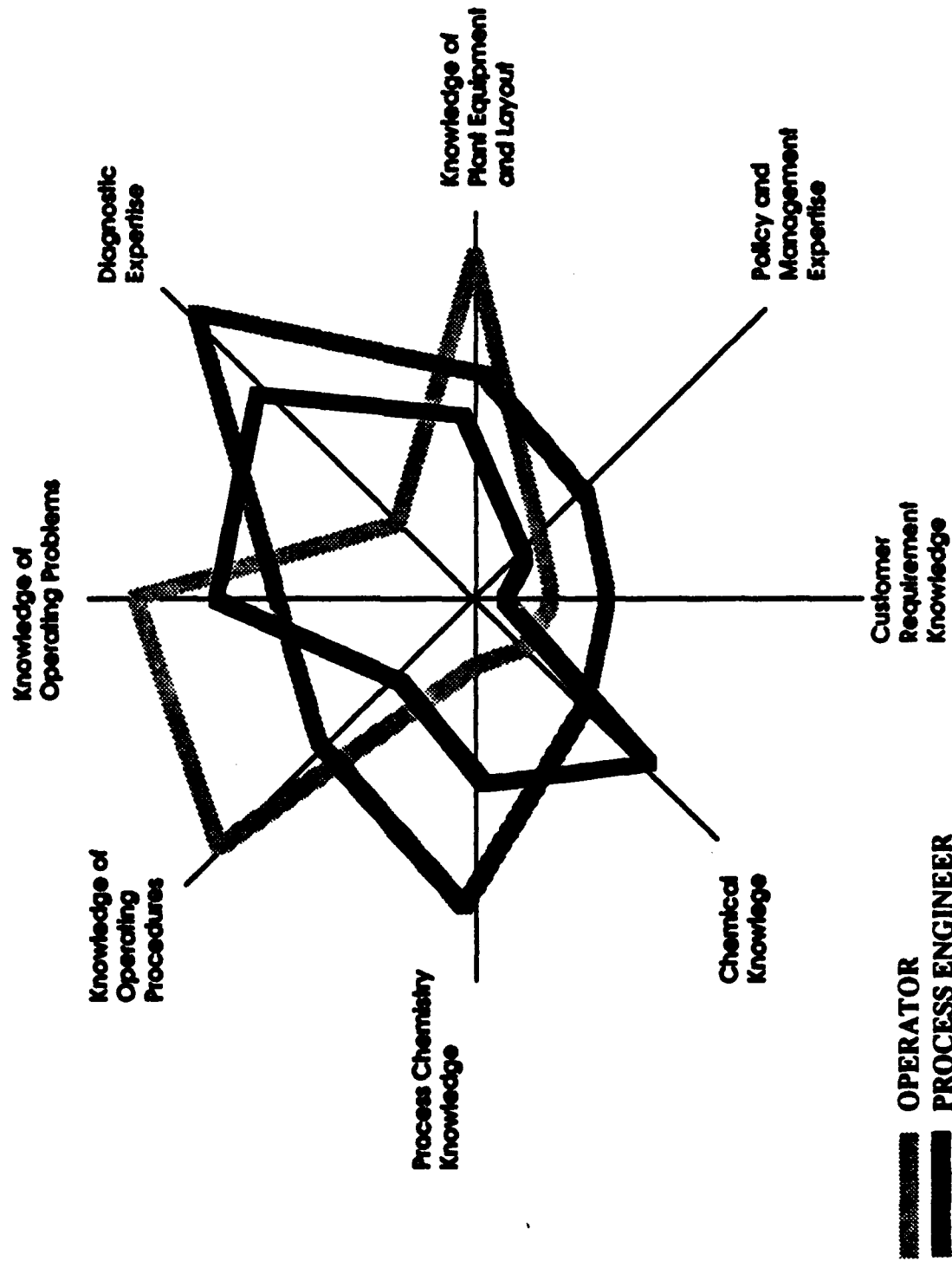
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# COMPLEMENTING EXPERTISE WITH A SYSTEM



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## **CORPORATE KNOWLEDGE**

- **The unique history of a firm in a particular industry**
- **Individual work histories of the current employees**
- **Mixture of public, shared, and private knowledge**
- **Developed over a long time in a variety of situations**
- **Tested by practice**
- **Dispersed, miscellaneous unstructured, unrecorded**
- **"Thrown together"**

***The company's most valuable asset is also the hardest to manage and exploit!***



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## KNOWLEDGE AS A COMMODITY

The knowledge of the workforce and its managers is just as valuable to a corporation as capital equipment;

However, less attention is paid to inventorying and preserving this valuable but intangible commodity.

The judicious use of AI technology offers the opportunity to:

- CAPTURE
- STRUCTURE
- PRESERVE
- ENHANCE

CORPORATE knowledge!

# UNDERSTANDING REASONING

## **Reasoning is:**

- the movement of the mind from premises to conclusions
- not performed in a vacuum
- a mental process worked through via materials of some sort
- a mental process for which materials provide the context

## REASONING IN CONTEXT

- Materials are essential because
  - they act as triggers
  - they serve as external memories of
    - what I know
    - what I should know
    - what I have figured out so far
  - they support navigation through a task

# LOGIC AND REASONING

**Logic = primarily deductive argument  
monotonic**

**Reasoning = induction, abduction, imagistic operations ...  
nonmonotonic**



## **DEDUCTION**

- a form of argument in which the conclusion follows with certainty from the premises

**Example :**

**All experienced plant operators have knowledge learned on the job**

**Joe is an experienced plant operator**

**Therefore Joe has knowledge learned on the job**



## **DEDUCTION**

**Most AI tools support deduction  
e.g. forward and backward chaining**

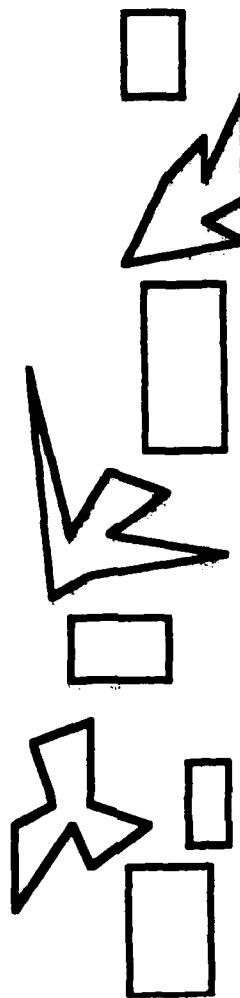
**Example:**

**If someone is an experienced plant operator,  
then that person has knowledge learned on the job**

**Assert: Joe is an experienced plant operator**

General Assumptions or  
Conclusions  
all x's are y's

Deduction



Representations of particular things and events

## INDUCTION

- a form of argument in which the conclusion follows probabilistically from the premises

### Example:

Last week, when a drop in the price of oil was announced, the price of General Motors stock increased.

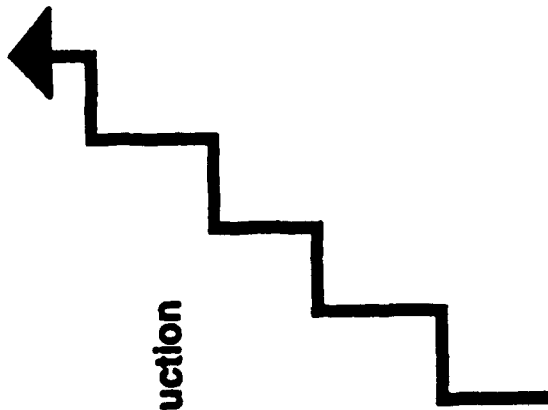
Yesterday, when a drop in the price of oil was announced, the price of General Motors stock increased.

A drop in the price of oil has just been announced.

I conclude that the price of General Motors stock will increase.

General Assumptions or Conclusions  
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Induction



Representations of Particular things and events

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## MENTAL IMAGERY

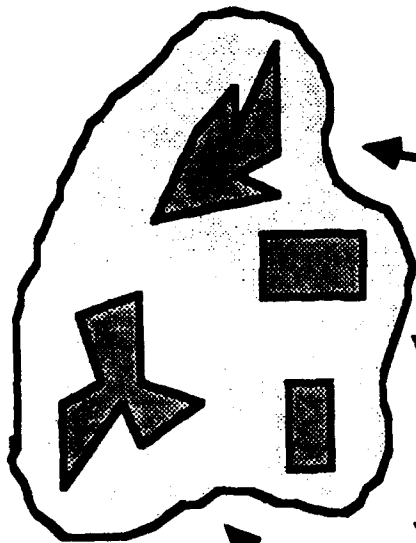
- Internal pictorial representations are manipulated

### Example:

- the foreman in a manufacturing cell who has the "big picture"

**General Assumptions or Conclusions**  
all x's are y's

Mental Imagery



**Representations of Particular things and events**

## ANALOGY

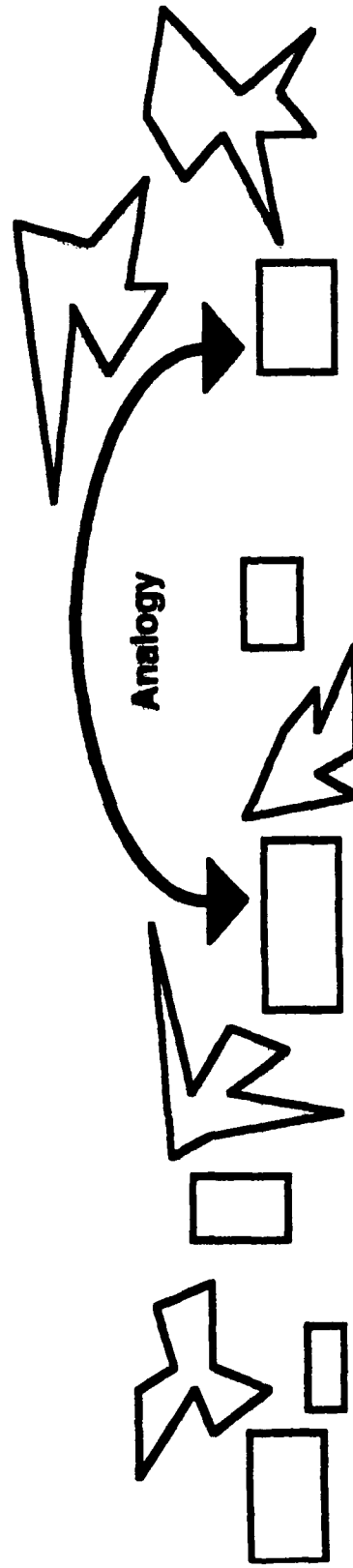
- Things or events known to be alike in some respects are inferred to be alike in other respects

### Example:

- Cost estimators for major defense programs look for a similar program, and tailor their current estimate to that program

... " this program is like that one in some respects, so I'll assume it like that one in all respects"

**all x's are y's"**



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## STORY WEAVING

- Selective remembrances of events are used to understand current events

### Example:

- NASA weather forecasters, who explain today's weather by telling a story about a significant weather event that happened in the past

# METAPHOR

- Terms referring to one domain are used to understand another domain

## Example:

- alkylolation plant operators who view the plant as an organism

"She's getting jittery now"

General Assumptions or Conclusions  
all x's are y's"

Story Weaving and  
Metaphor

Representations of Particular things and events

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# **TRIAL AND ERROR APPROACHES**

- **Organizing and conducting "experiments" that put questions to the world**

## **Examples:**

**Thought experiments**  
**Systematic and unsystematic grouping**  
**What-if games**



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**General Assumptions or Conclusions**  
all x's are y's"

# ABDUCTION

- a form of inference which results in the generation of a hypothesis
- working from what we want to explain to that which would explain it

## The process:

Study the "facts"

Devise a hypothesis, H, to explain the facts

This involves an original suggestion or idea

If H were true, the facts would be explained

Therefore, there is reason to think that H is true



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# **ABDUCTIVE INFERENCE**

## **Constraints on abductive inference**

### **Logic**

**Our knowledge of cognitive psychology**

**Our understanding of social and physical reality**

## **The justification of abductive inference**

**"The only justification is the justification of  
desperation"**

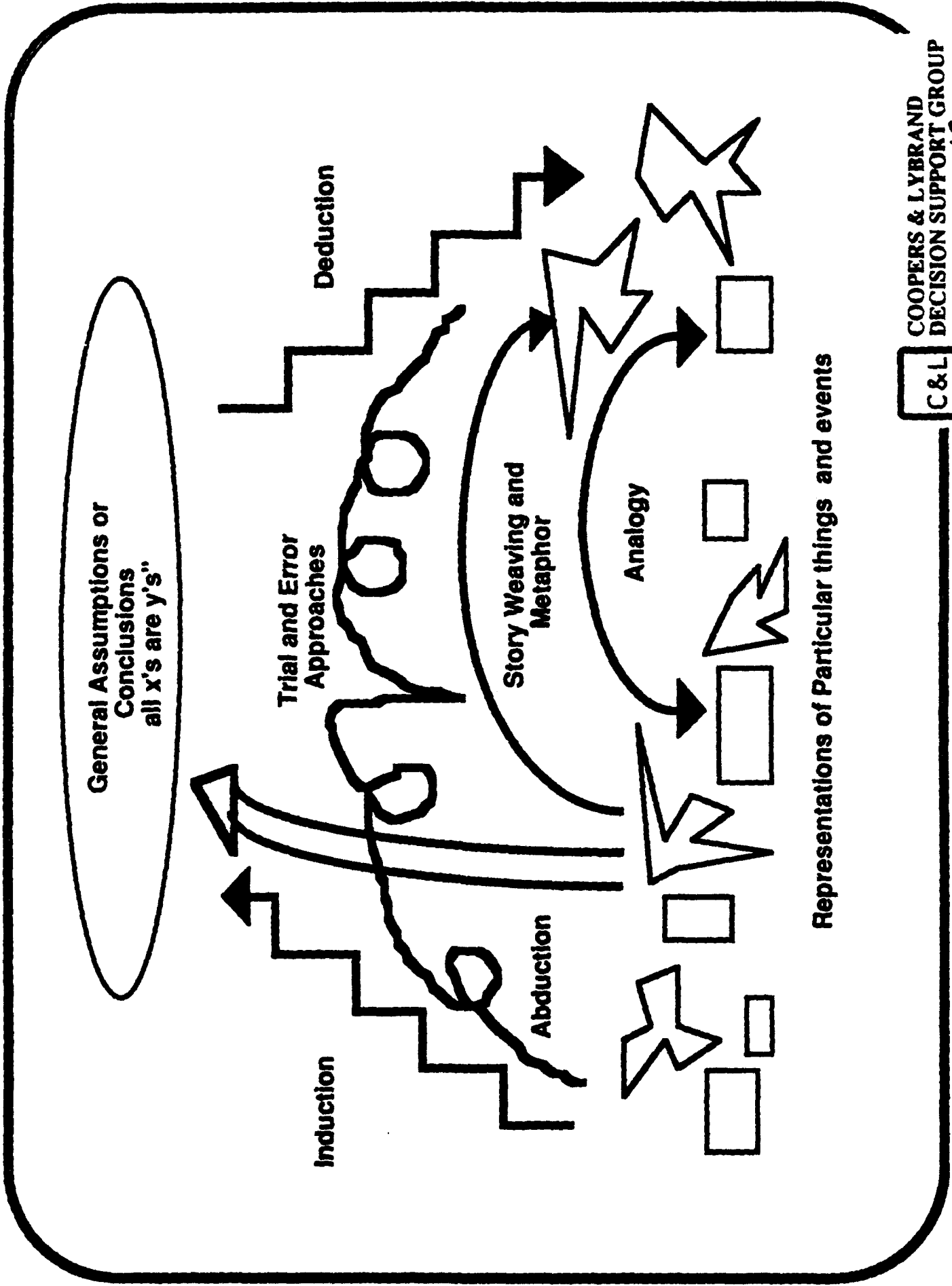
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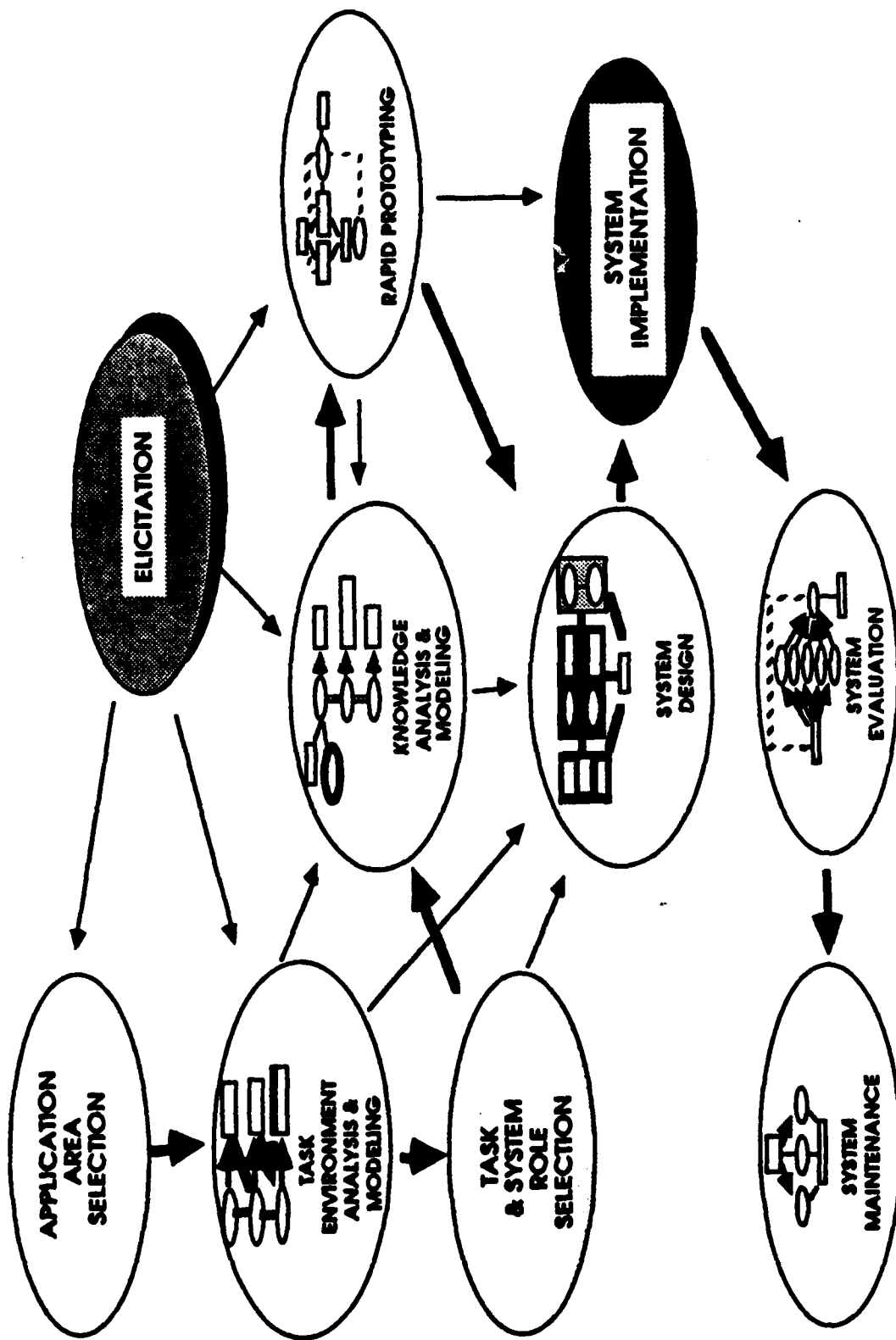


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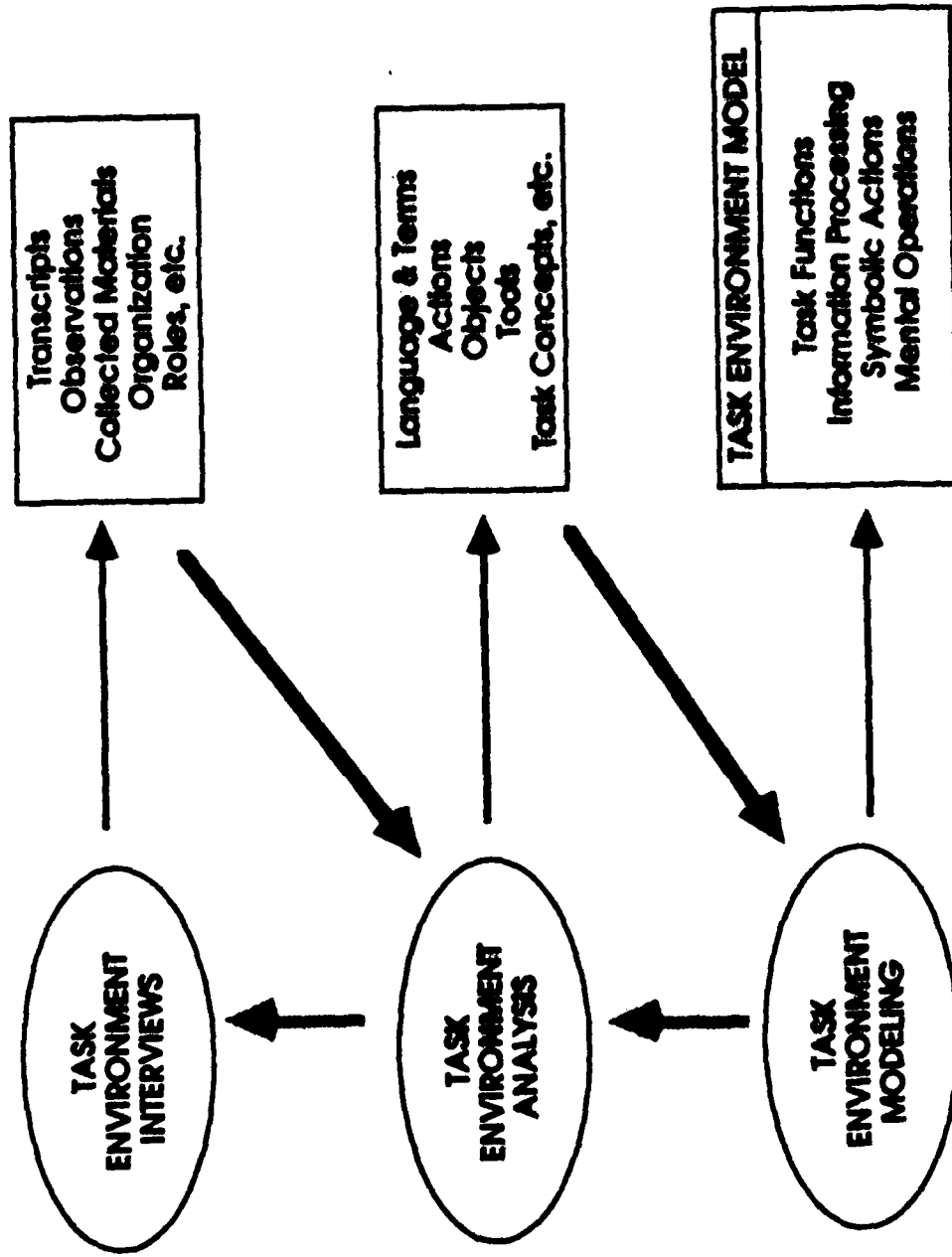


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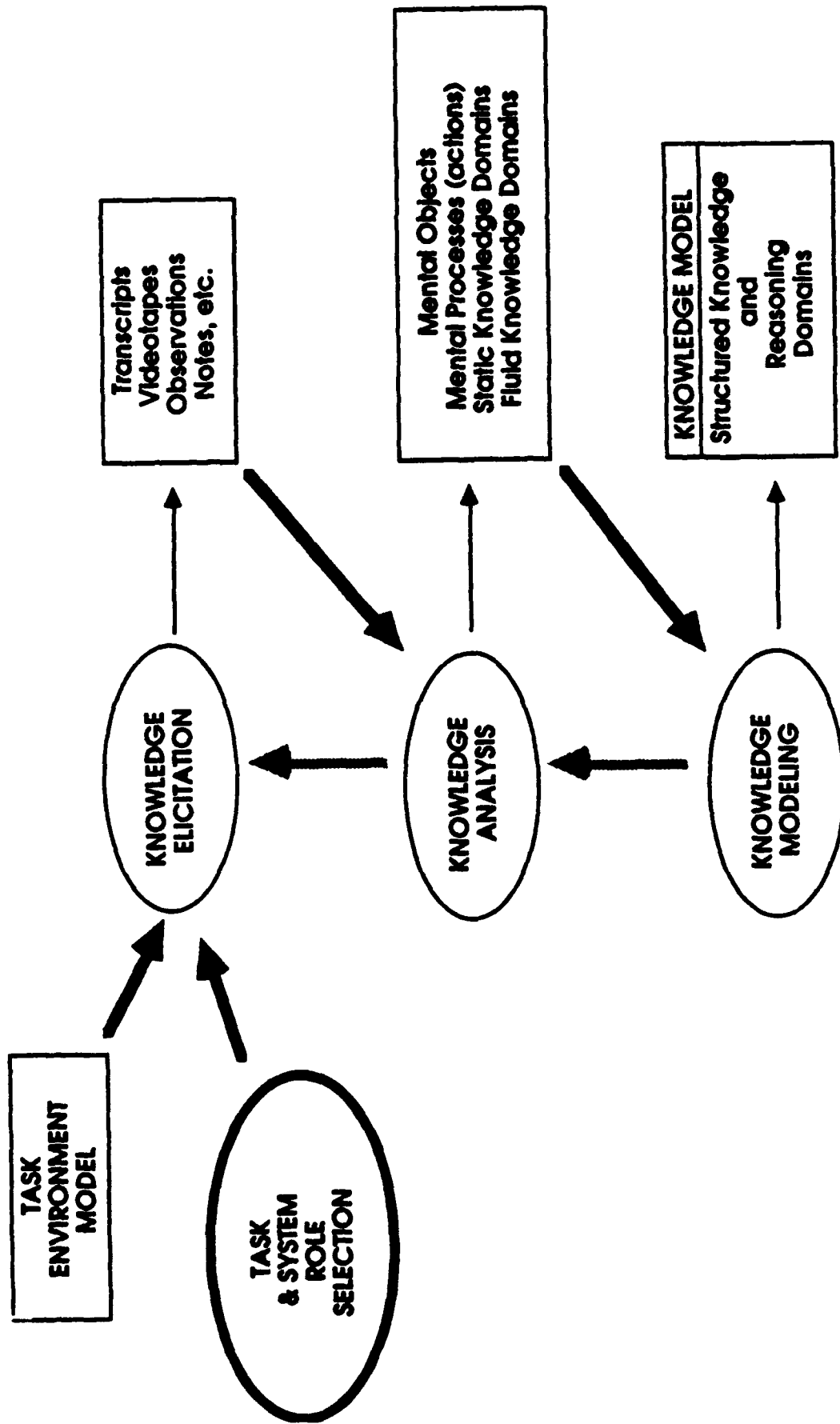
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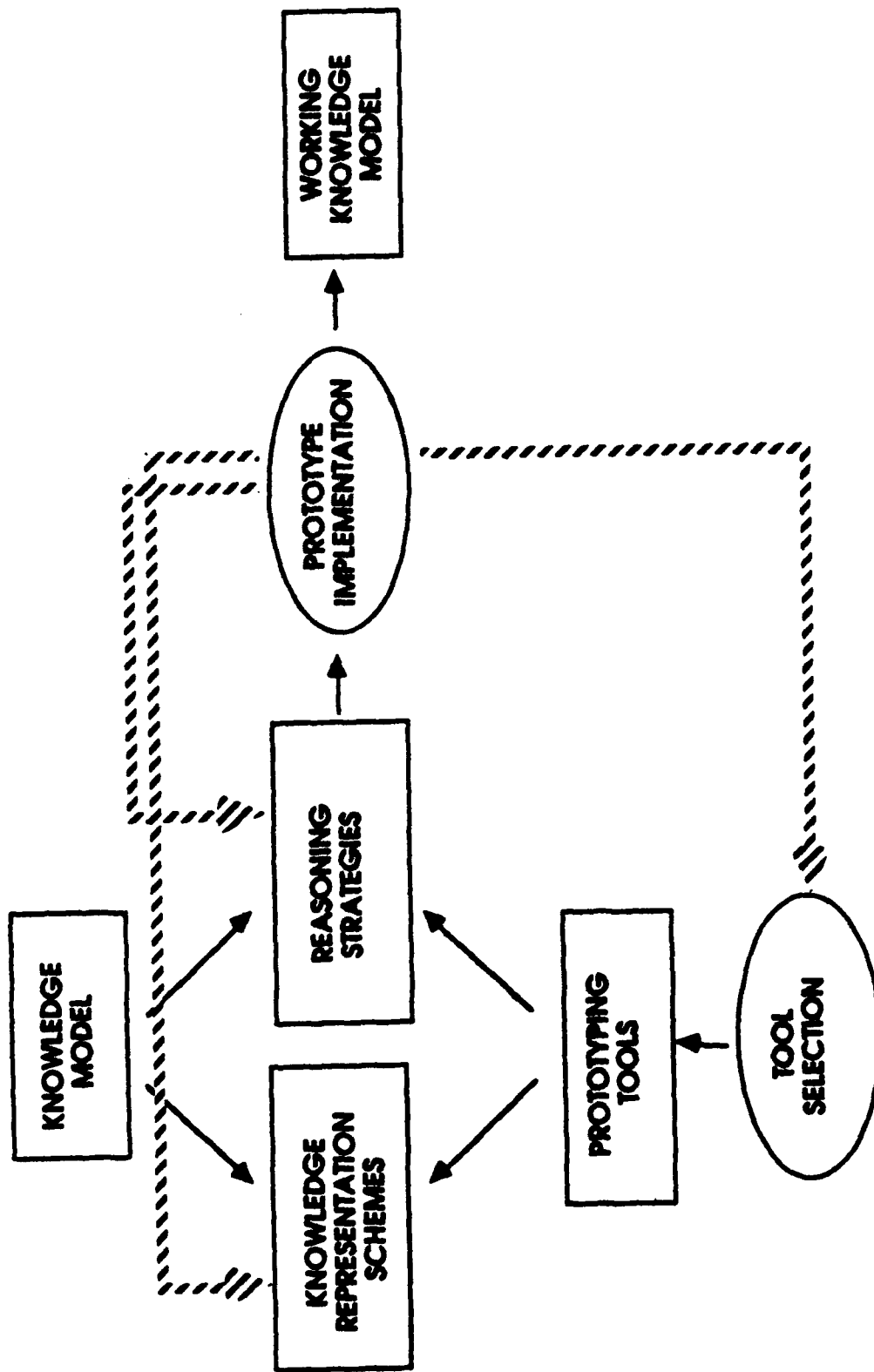
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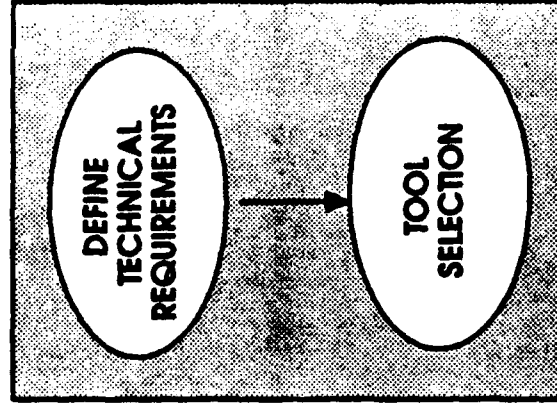
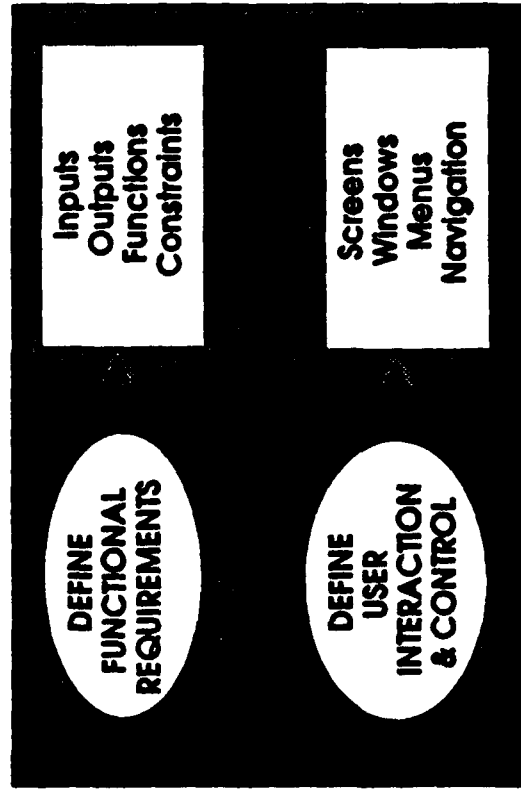
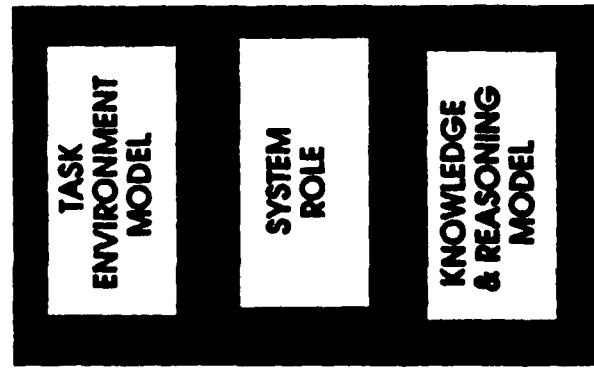
# KNOWLEDGE ANALYSIS AND MODELING



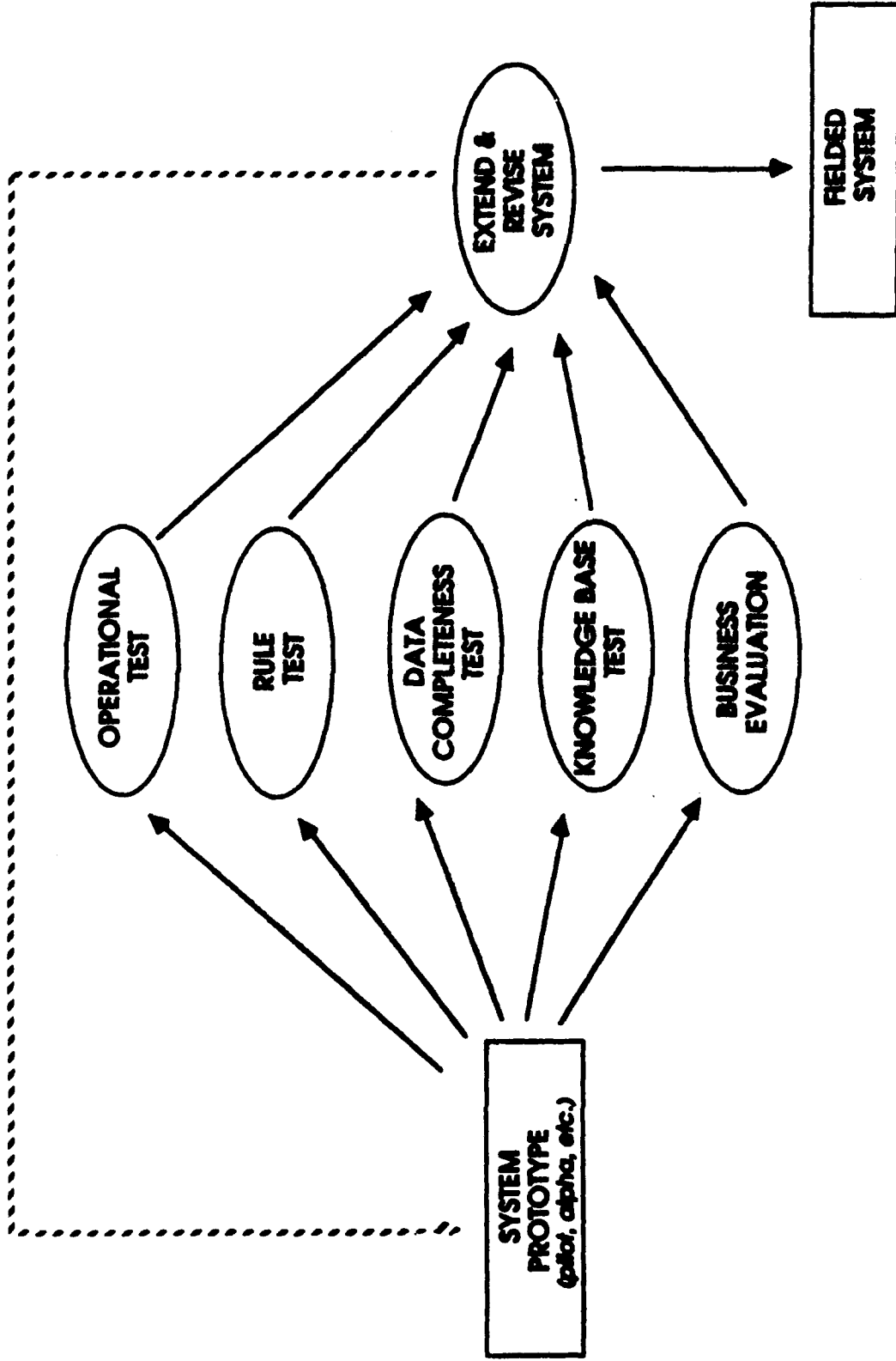
# RAPID PROTOTYPING



# SYSTEM DESIGN

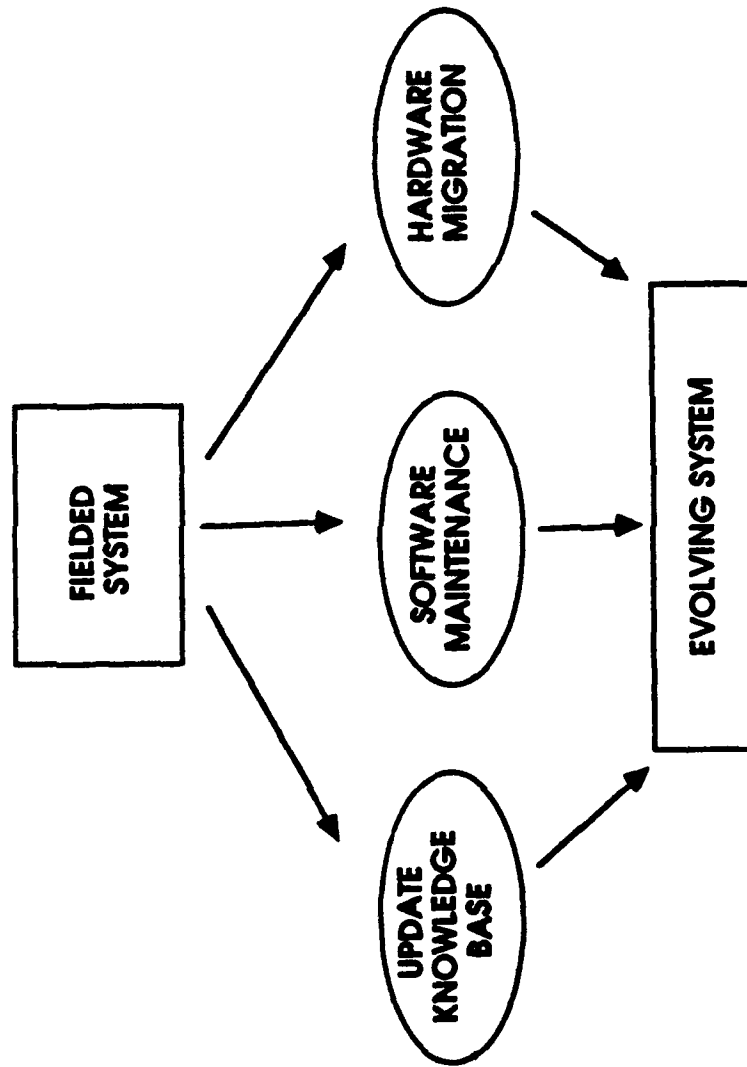


# SYSTEM EVALUATION





# SYSTEM MAINTENANCE



## **Modify the Methodology when:**

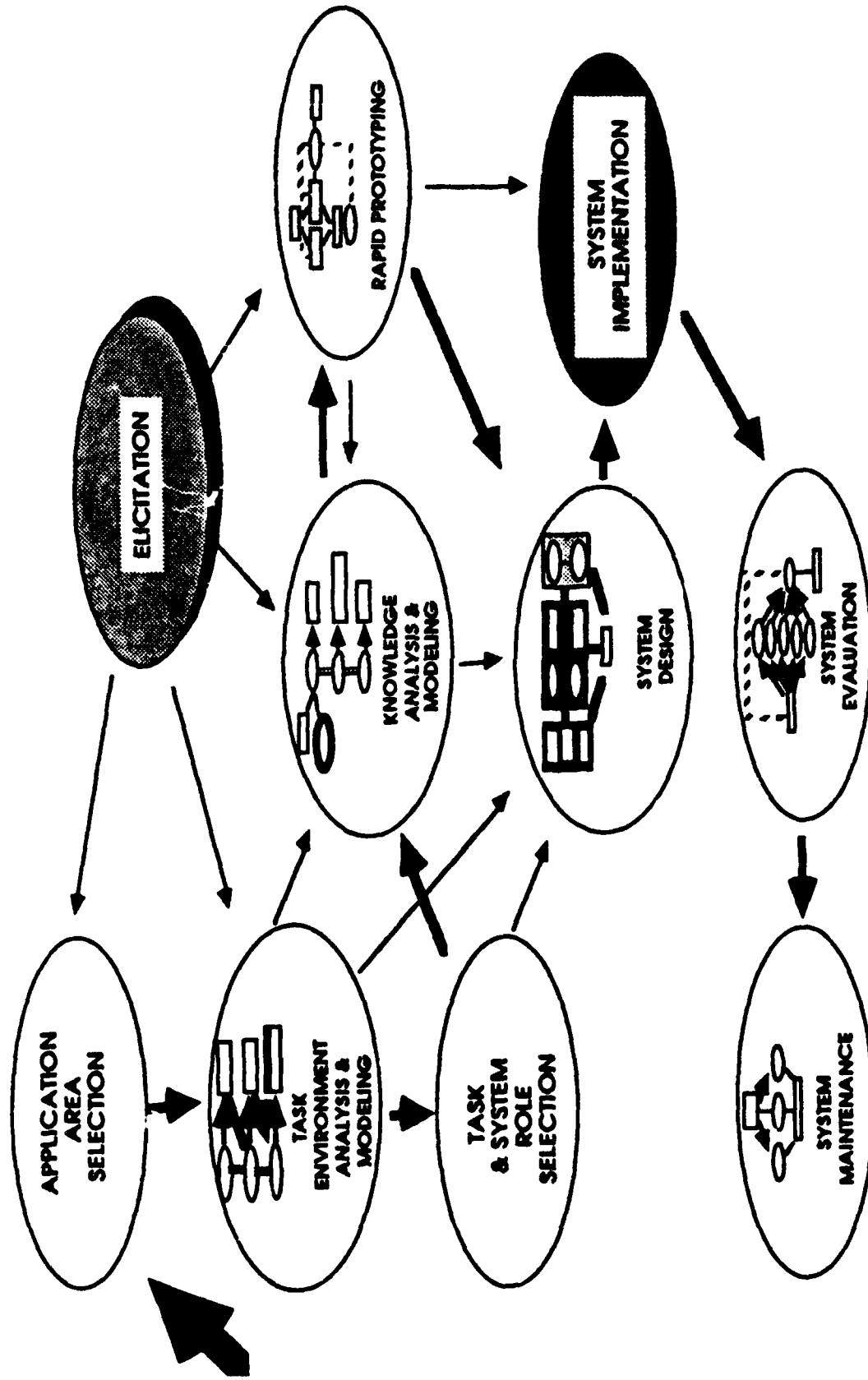
- **Knowledge is widely distributed throughout the organization**
- **A detailed task environment model is not feasible**
- **Time and budget are constrained**
- **An embedded system is required**
- **Use the methodology as a grab-bag of tools and techniques**

# APPLICATION SELECTION



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# DETAILED METHODOLOGY



# **MOTIVATION TO BUILD EXPERT SYSTEMS**

## **KNOWLEDGE**

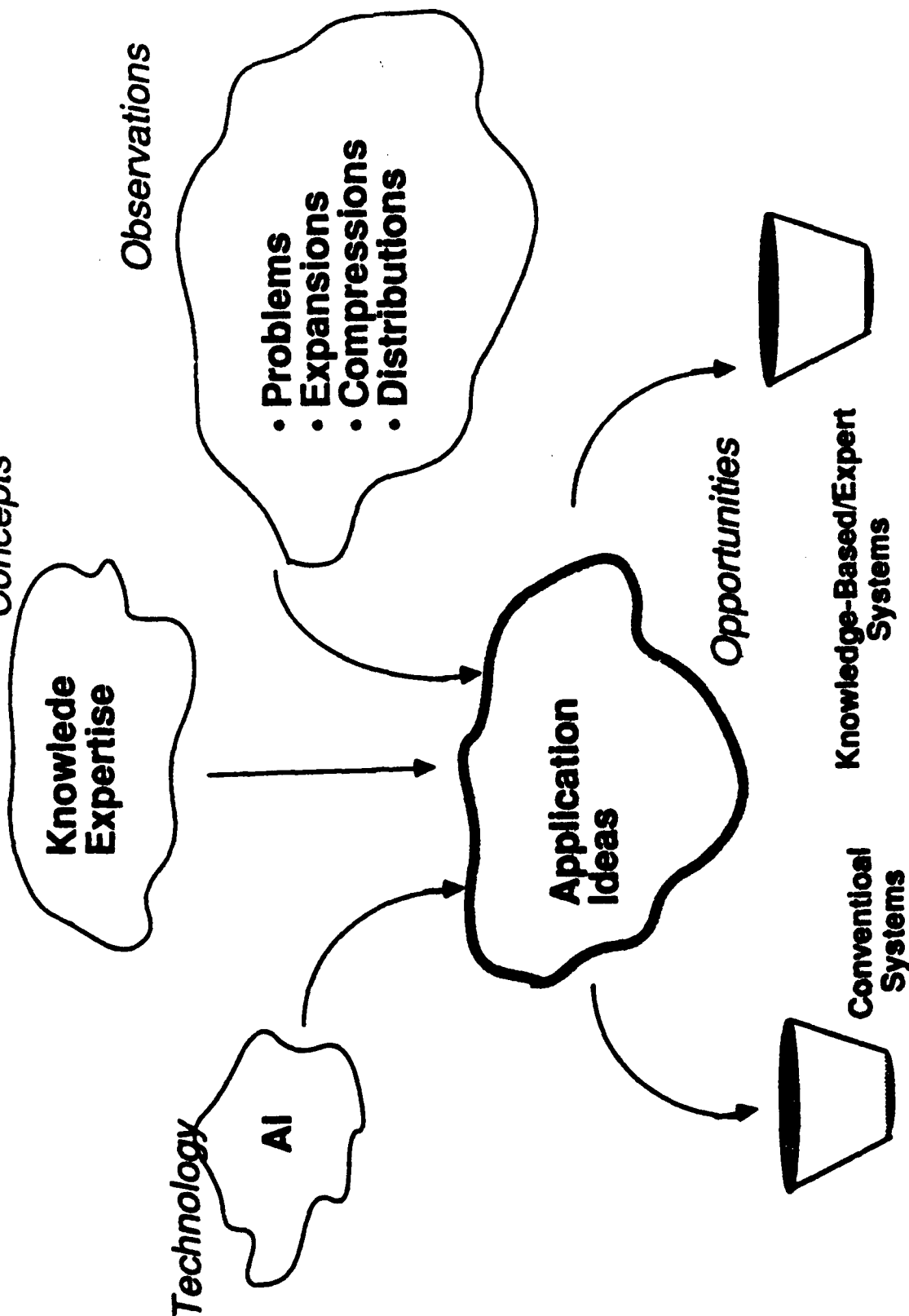
- **Leverage Expertise**
  - **Capturing**
  - **Structuring**
  - **Preserving**
  - **Enhancing**
  - **Distributing**

## **BUSINESS**

- **Extend Benefit Streams**
- **Create Competitive Advantages**
- **Leverage Opportunities**
- **Reduce Risks**

# APPLICATION SELECTION

*Concepts*



## **PROBLEMS IN PERFORMING KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE TASKS**

### **Human Memory:**

- overwhelmed
- forgetting
- distortions
- blind spots
- dead ends

### **Intelligence:**

- weak in ancillary areas
- need for various types of intelligences

### **Social Division of Labor**

- labor/knowledge mismatch
- temporal discontinuities
- "seeing through other worlds"

# **EXPANSIONS OF KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE TASKS**

## **TASK WORLD**

- Expert performers must know more
- More expert performers needed

## **TASK KNOWLEDGE**

- New principles must be incorporated
- Integrate changing principles with existing ones



## **COMPRESSIONS OF KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE TASKS**

- **Do more tasks performances/time unit**
- **Cover more of a task performance/time unit**
- **Consider more possibilities, options, outcomes/time unit**
- **Cover more highly selective subtleties/time unit**

## **DISTRIBUTIONS OF KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE TASKS**

- **Move Expertise to Novices**
- **Move Expertise to**
  - **Automated Processes**
  - **Physical Preparations**
  - **Field Operations**
  - **Customers**
- **Add Expertise to Information**



## **CANDIDATE FOR A FIRST EXPERT SYSTEM APPLICATION**

- **It matters**
- **A valuable asset exists**
- **It can be exploited**
- **It can be done**
- **It can't be done in other ways**

# KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

- **Identify the Critical Knowledge Factors of the Organization**
- **Identify Opportunities for Leveraging Knowledge within the Organization**
- **Develop a Perspective of the Value of Knowledge for the Organization**
- **Identify the Necessary R&D activities**



## **APPLICATION SELECTION CRITERIA**

- **Business Opportunities**
- **Nature of the Expertise**
- **Characteristics of the User Organization**
- **Technical/Development Issues**
- **Cost/Benefit Analyses**

## **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

- **What are the Current and Future Missions of the Organization?**
- **What is the Value of this Task to Present Operations?**
- **What is the Value of this Task to Future Operations?**
- **What are the Current Bottlenecks and Pressure Points?**
- **What are the Potential Benefit Streams?**
- **What Operational Changes will be Required to make this system effective?**



## **NATURE OF THE EXPERTISE**

- **Do Human Experts Exist?**
  - one, several?
- **Is Expert Performance Clearly Better?**
- **Is the Task Based on Judgement?**
- **Does the task require only narrowly specialized knowledge?**
- **What "types of intelligence" are required to be successful (e.g. linguistic, logical, spatial, etc.)?**
- **Is there Adequate Access to Experts?**
- **What Documentation and Training Exist?**

# **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE USER ORGANIZATION**

- **Is the Application Area a Concern to the User Community?**
- **Are the Users Interested in Supporting a KBS?**
- **Is there Support (approval vs. budget) from User Management?**
- **To what Degree will this System Change the User Operation?**



## **TECHNICAL/DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

- **Does the System Require the Use of AI Technology?**
- **Is the System Implementable with Available Tools?**
  - **development**
  - **delivery**
- **What are the Systems Integration Requirements?**
- **What Technical Resources are Available?**
  - **personnel**
  - **tools**



## **COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS**

- **Is there a high pay-off?**
- **What is the ratio of expected value vs. costs?**
  - "standard" benefits
  - other "benefit streams"
- **What is the Internal Return on Investment?**
- **How Long is the Expected Pay-Back Period?**
- **How Variable are the Projected Costs, Timing, and Budgets?**

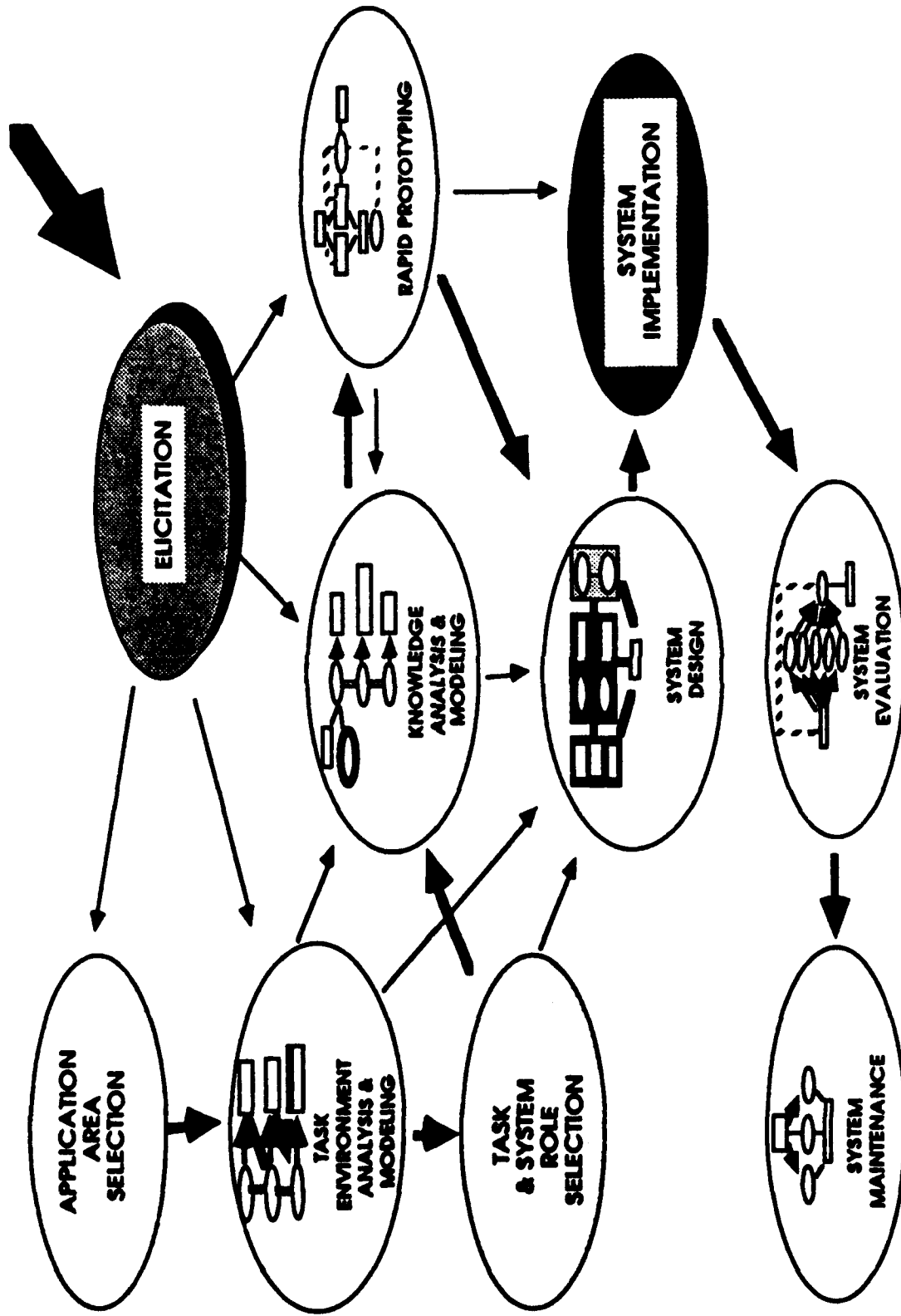


## **APPROACHES TO APPLICATION SELECTION**

- **Senior Management Designates Application**
- **Senior Management Brainstorming Workshops**
- **Identification by Technical Group; Selection by Management**
- **Identification and Selection by Technical Group through Systematic Management Interviews**
- **End User Computing**

# KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION

# DETAILED METHODOLOGY



## WHY "ELICITATION?"

- "Acquisition" suggests a conquering role (emphasis on the acquirer)
- "Extraction" suggests dentistry (pain) or mining (forcible removal of a non-renewable resource)
- "Elicitation" suggests a collaborative role (emphasis on the process, and the delicacy required to preserve the integrity of the knowledge sought).

## TWO APPROACHES TO KNOWLEDGE PROFILING

### (Classic) Systems Development

### (New) Knowledge Engineering

#### SCOPE

**Exclusiveness:** Consider only what the computer can do

**Richness:** Grasp all that's going on prior to selection of parts to be worked on

#### MENTAL SET

**Preconception:** If-then logic will prevail

**Preconception:** Some kind of valid rationale will eventually become clear

#### ROLE

**System spec:** Developer imagines how he would solve the problem

**System spec:** Really has to be worked into by the expert, user and developer

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS OF KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION**

## **Between the Knowledge Elicitation Team and the Experts**

- **Four parallel interactive, evolutionary processes**
  - **Mutual trust building**
  - **Cognitive calibration**
  - **Getting to presuppositions**
  - **Verified informational transfer**



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## **MUTUAL TRUST BUILDING**

- **Identify Common References / Experiences**
- **Test Reliability and Integrity**
- **Share Private Values and Opinions**
- **Sharing Vulnerabilities**

# **COGNITIVE CALIBRATION**

- **Identify Type of Knowledge Holders**
- **Discover & Overcome Obvious Systematic Differences**
- **Eliciter Adapts to the Expert**
- **Expert Becomes More Aware of What to Express to Eliciter**



# GETTING TO PRESUPPOSITIONS

- **Why does the Expert Think He's Here?**
- **Notice Assumptions / Implications**



# **VERIFIED INFORMATION TRANSFER**

- **Information Independently Known to be True**
- **Probing and Feedback**
- **Consistency Tests**



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# **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS OF KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION**

## **Internal to the Knowledge Elicitation Team**

- **Recursive process**
  - **Landmarking**
  - **Comparing to what**
  - **Establishing patterns**
  - **Mapping and detailing**

# LANDMARKING

- "Surviving the Unknown"
- Identifying:
  - The "Obvious"
  - "Mirages"
  - "Swamps & Quicksand"
- Creating a Vocabulary for the Team



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# **COMPARING TO WHAT**

- **"Objectifying Subjective Experience"**
- **Compare to:**
  - **Other Expertise**
  - **Other Experts**
  - **Me and You**
  - **Models**
  - **Theories**

# **ESTABLISHING PATTERNS**

- **"Attributing Order"**
- **Look for Patterns**
  - **Logic**
  - **Analogy**
  - **Taxonomy**
  - **Organizing Principles**
  - **Rules**



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# **MAPPING AND DETAILING**

- **"Describing Reality"**
- **Identify**
  - **Fundamentals**
  - **Consequences**
  - **Links**
  - **Descriptors**
  - **Closure/Completeness Criteria**

## **WHAT TO DO AFTER CHOOSING THE EXPERTISE TYPE THAT FITS A KNOWLEDGE HOLDER**

- **Test whether attribution is accurate**
- **Achieve matching communication mode**
- **Revise hypotheses about the functionality of the anticipated system accordingly**
- **Use corresponding structure to determine elicitation techniques**



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# TEST WHETHER ATTRIBUTION IS ACCURATE

- **What kind of result does the knowledge holding expert seek?**
  - **Professional Practitioner: The right answer**
  - **Practical Knowledge Worker: The practical solution**
  - **Performer: Victorious dominance (perfect performance)**
  - **Communicating Negotiator: The best we can**

# **TEST WHETHER ATTRIBUTION IS ACCURATE**

## **(Continued)**

**What kind of training does the expert have?**

- PP:** Formal training that features logical conceptual structure: Academic emphasis (Degrees and certifications may be important)
- PKW:** Apprenticeship, or other "guided" experience (experience at progressively more sophisticated levels of activity may be important)
- PERF:** Discipleship to a master
- CN:** Tend to be "naturals" (Experimental/ideological training)



## ACHIEVE MATCHING COMMUNICATIONS MODE

- Seeking *truth* and conforming with scientific standards is the fundamental issue for the *professional practitioner*
- The *practical knowledge worker* takes particular pride in *efficiency* and/or coping with volume-induced pressure
- The *practical knowledge worker* tends to believe that the *information (s)he needs is random, casual or free floating*
- Performers value the esthetic, but primarily as it relates to their own performances (*ego-centered*)
- To the *communicator-negotiator*, being professionally competent involves keeping his "*client*," "*under control*"

## REVISE HYPOTHESES ABOUT THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE ANTICIPATED SYSTEM ACCORDINGLY

- A prototype system for a *professional practitioner* may often take the form of a *typical example*., with further development following similar examples or other logically related steps
- A prototype system for a *practical knowledge worker* will be a few "*strategic*" sequences within their task - may be inherent to core expertise or only supportive of it
- *Performer's* prototypes are for support purposes only
- Most prototypes for *communicating negotiators* will be support only, an extended system will probably come from knowledge worker or professional practitioner aspects of communicating negotiator work

## USE CORRESPONDING STRUCTURE TO GUIDE ELICITATION

- E.G.: Expect *practical knowledge workers* to be interested and convinced there's "structure" behind their work only after the elicitors have demonstrated that structure
- E.G.: Expect *communicating negotiators* to be bewildered about the results expected from the process for an unbearably long time
- E.G.: Expect *scientifically trained experts who are acting as practical knowledge workers* to pick up every cue that suggests they "should" be functioning like professional practitioners
- E.G.: Expect *experienced system developers* to be strongly under the influence of the *professional practitioner* model
- E.G.: Expect *performers* to turn their interaction with you into a performance

# KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES

- Direct Methods
- Indirect Methods



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# **KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES**

## ***DIRECT METHODS***

- **Interviews**
  - **structured vs. unstructured**
  - **individual vs. group**
- **Observation**
- **Simulation**
- **Interactive Prototyping**
- **Protocol Analysis**
- **Questionnaires**
- **Closed Curves**
- **Inferential Flows**

# **KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES**

## ***INDIRECT METHODS***

- **Machine Induction**
- **Extraction From Codified Sources**
- **Multi-Dimensional Scaling**
- **Conceptual Sorting**
- **General Weighted Networks**
- **Ordered Trees**
- **Repertory Grid Analysis**
- **Hierarchies**

## INTERVIEWS

### DESCRIPTION:

Experts give informal or prepared tutorial on the task domain and functions; various formats but generally directed by knowledge elicitor

### ADVANTAGES:

Access to Public/Shared Knowledge  
Easy to Use  
Lots of Information Gained Quickly

### DISADVANTAGES:

Relies on Recall from Long Term Memory  
Time Consuming  
Expensive

### BEST USE:

Task Environment Elicitation  
Initial Knowledge Elicitation  
all types of Knowledge Holders

# **INTERVIEWS**

- **Structured vs. Unstructured**
- **Group vs. Individual**
- **Competence vs. Performance**



# **COMPETENCE INTERVIEWS**

## **Retrospective Reports which Document:**

- the structure of the task environment
- the structure of the task
- the structure of the task knowledge

## **Consisting of:**

- descriptions of the task environment
- descriptions of the mental artifacts of the task knowledge
- recalls of habitual procedures
- recalls of most-used strategies
- self reflection (meta-comments)

## **Require**

**No Special Set Up**

# **PERFORMANCE INTERVIEWS**

## **Concurrent Reports which Document:**

**Real-Time sequences of knowledge and reasoning states**

## **Consisting of:**

- **descriptions of the task environment**
- **descriptions of task operators**
- **descriptions of task goals**
- **a dump of short term memory**
- **very few meta-comments**

## **Require**

**The Natural Task Environment**



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# PROTOCOL ANALYSIS

## DESCRIPTION:

Expert gives verbal account of what he/she is doing/thinking about during a task performance

## ADVANTAGES:

Permits Inference of "Private Knowledge"  
Good way to get Details of Specific Mental Actions

## DISADVANTAGES:

Can interfere with Task Performance  
Difficult for Some Experts to Verbalize  
Analysis is Laborious

## BEST USE:

Second Round Knowledge Elicitation

# **HOW TO CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW**

- **Preparation**
  - **Identify the goals of the interview**
  - **Determine the type of interview**
  - **Do background work and prepare accordingly**
- **Roles**
  - **lead interviewer**
  - **support interviewer**
  - **recorder (notes, audio and video tapes)**
- **Timing**
  - **between elicitation team**
  - **with experts**



## GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Allow Expert to Talk
- Try to Avoid Interruptions
- Try to Avoid Imposing Your Own Interpretation
- Use the Experts' Language if Possible

# **SIMULATION**

## **DESCRIPTION:**

**Creation of an environment to induce a performance; various formats**

## **ADVANTAGES:**

**Ability to get Performance Knowledge without Impacting Operations**

## **DISADVANTAGES:**

**Can be Contrived  
Can be Impractical and Expensive**

## **BEST USE:**

**Knowledge Elicitation in Sensitive Environments**

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# **SIMULATION**

- **Task Environment**
- **Envisioned Expert System**
- **Expert/Novice**
  - **Experts' hands, eyes, etc.**

# **SIMULATION OF THE TASK ENVIRONMENT**

**Artificially Elicited Comments which Document:**

**Sequences of knowledge and reasoning states**

**Consisting of**

- **descriptions of the task materials**
- **descriptions of task operators**
- **descriptions of task goals**
- **meta-comments**

**Require**

**A Collection of Task Materials**

**A Set-Up of the Task Environment**



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# **SIMULATION OF THE ENVISIONED SYSTEM**

**Artificially Elicited Comments which Document:**

**Required interactions between system and user**

**Consisting of**

- requests for information
- form of anticipated advice
- intuitive navigation through system

**Require**

**A Collection of Task Materials**

**Staging to simulate expert system/user**

# **SIMULATION OF EXPERT'S EYES, HANDS, ETC.**

**Artificially Elicited Comments which Document:**

**Information heeded during task performance**

**The interaction between information and knowledge**

**Consisting of**

- requests for information**
- active verbal protocols**

**Require**

**A Collection of Task Materials**

**Selective limitation of**

- avenues of communication**
- accessibility of information**



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## **OBSERVATION**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

**Oberserving and recording the expert during an uninterrupted performance of the task; generally directed by the expert**

### **ADVANTAGES:**

**Develop Common Understanding of the Task Environment  
Identify User/Expert Roles**

### **DISADVANTAGES:**

**Can be Highly Sensitive  
Possibility of Interrupting Operations  
Heavy Burden on Elicitor**

### **BEST USE:**

**Follow Up Task Environment Elicitation  
Necessary in "Real-Time" Operational Settings**

# **INTERACTIVE PROTOTYPING**

## **DESCRIPTION:**

**Working with the expert and a prototyping tool to determine the content and structure of the knowledge**

## **ADVANTAGES:**

**Ability to Get the Experts' Structure Possible to Use as a Start for Rapid and/or System Prototyping**

## **DISADVANTAGES:**

**Tools Dictate Available Structure  
Can Intimidate some Experts**

## **BEST USE:**

**Second Round Knowledge Elicitation with  
Computer Literate Experts**



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## EXTRACTION FROM CODIFIED SOURCES

### DESCRIPTION:

Use previously codified sources  
(textbooks, manuals, etc.) to derive rules

### ADVANTAGES:

Quick and Inexpensive

### DISADVANTAGES:

Only Allows Access to "Public Facts"  
Often Leads to Systems which Do Not  
Address the Cognitive Aspects of the Task

### BEST USE:

For an Initial Demo to Gain Corporate  
Commitment to a Project

# MACHINE INDUCTION

## DESCRIPTION:

Use inductive tool to generate rules from examples

## ADVANTAGES:

Only Needs Examples, therefore Limits the Knowledge Modeling Effort

## DISADVANTAGES:

Does not Address Cognitive Aspects  
Rules Have Little Resemblance to those Elicited From Human Experts

## BEST USE:

To develop rules in knowledge domains that are poorly understood



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# POSSIBLE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE

Types of Knowledge	Interviews	Observation	Simulation	Protocol Analysis	Interactive Prototyping	Extraction from Codified Sources	Machine- Induction
FACTS	X		X		X	X	
HEURISTICS			X	X	X		X
CONCEPTS/ RELATIONSHIPS	X				X		
CLASSIFICATIONS					X		X
META-KNOWLEDGE				X			
PROBLEM NEGOTIATION		X	X				
USER CHARACTERISTICS	X	X	X				
PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE		X	X				
TACIT KNOWLEDGE				X			X

# POSSIBLE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS

Types of Knowledge Holders	Interviews	Observation	Simulation	Protocol Analysis	Interactive Prototyping	Extraction from Codified Sources	Machine- Induction
Professional Practitioner	● ● ●	● ● ○	○	○	○	● ●	
Practical Knowledge Worker	● ○	● ● ● ○	● ○	● ○	○	● ●	● ○
Communicating Negotiator	● ○	● ● ● ○	● ○	● ○	○	● ●	
Performer	● ○	● ● ● ○	● ○	● ○		● ●	○

● application selection

● task env. analysis

○ knowledge elicitation 1

○ knowledge elicitation 2

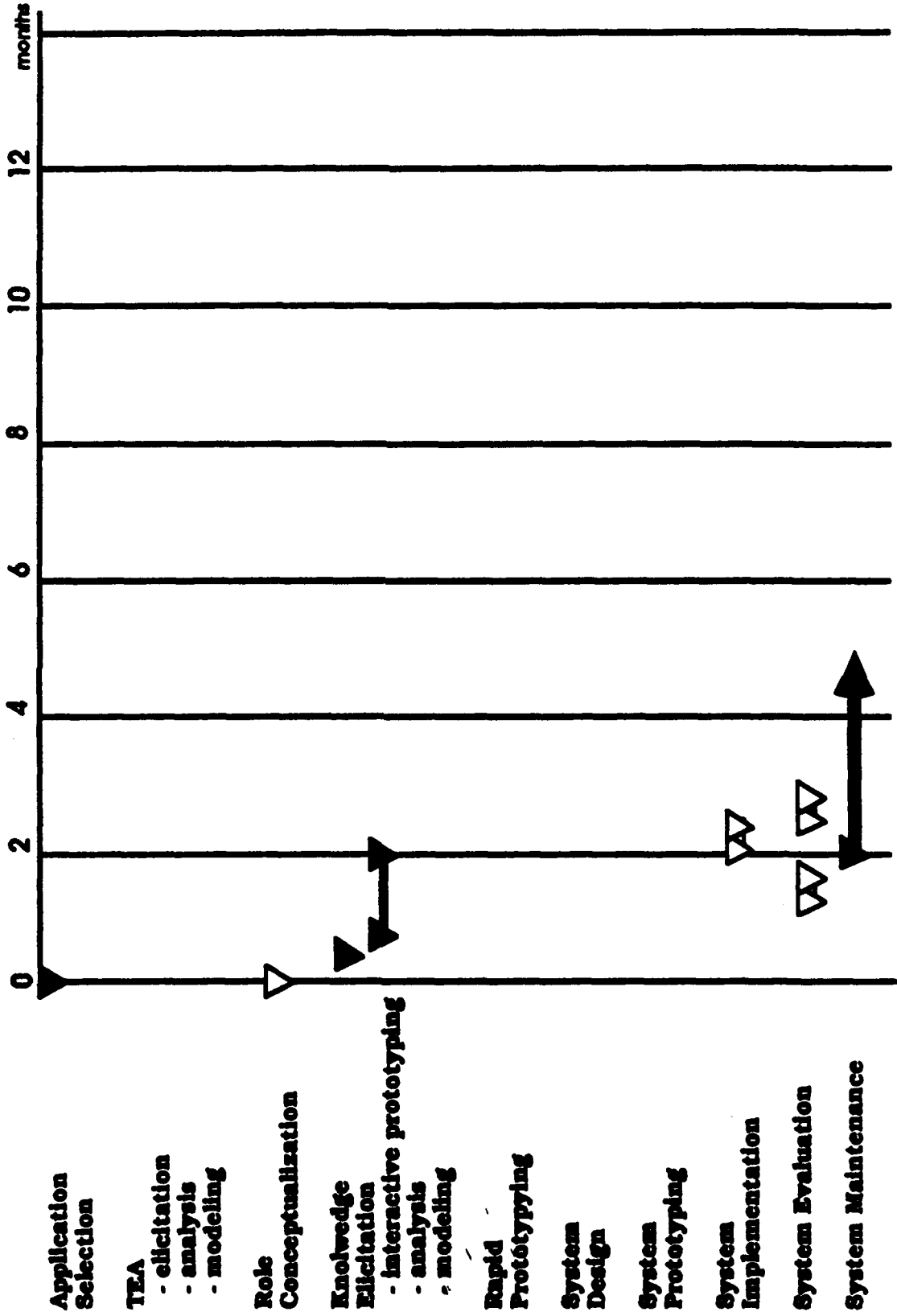
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# **PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ROLES OF THE PROJECT TEAM**

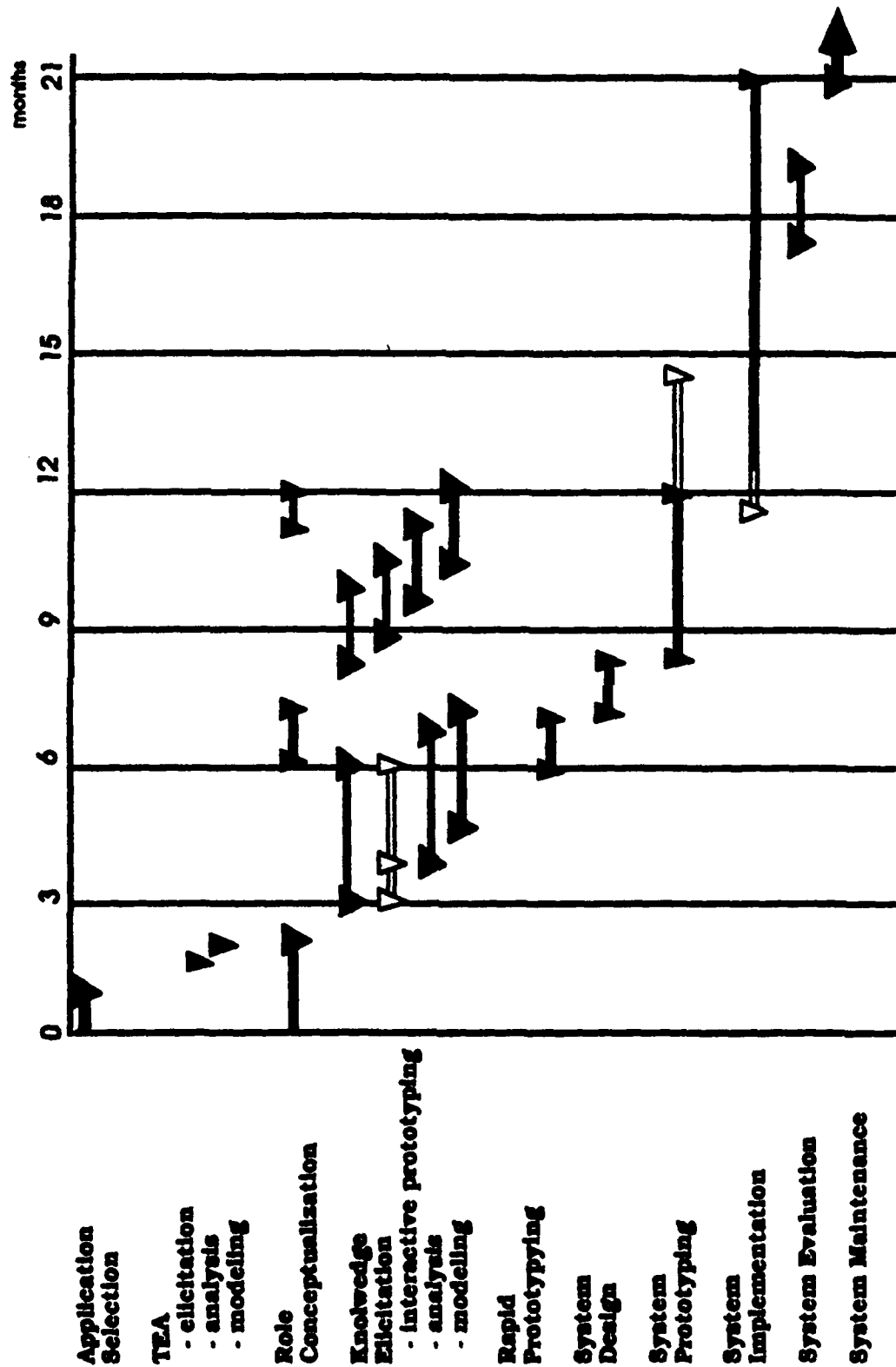
# TYPES OF PROJECTS

	Stand-Alone; Single User; Supports Professional Function; Self Developed	Stand-Alone; Sporadic User; Supports Business Function; Team Developed	Integrated; Multiple Users; Supports Important Business Function; Team Developed	Fully Integrated; Multiple Users; Supports Vital Business Function; Team Developed
Small Knowledge Base Up to 500 Clauses	Small System		Medium Sized System	
Medium-Sized Knowledge Base 500-5,000 Clauses				
Large Knowledge Base Above 5,000 Clauses				Large System

# SMALL SYSTEMS

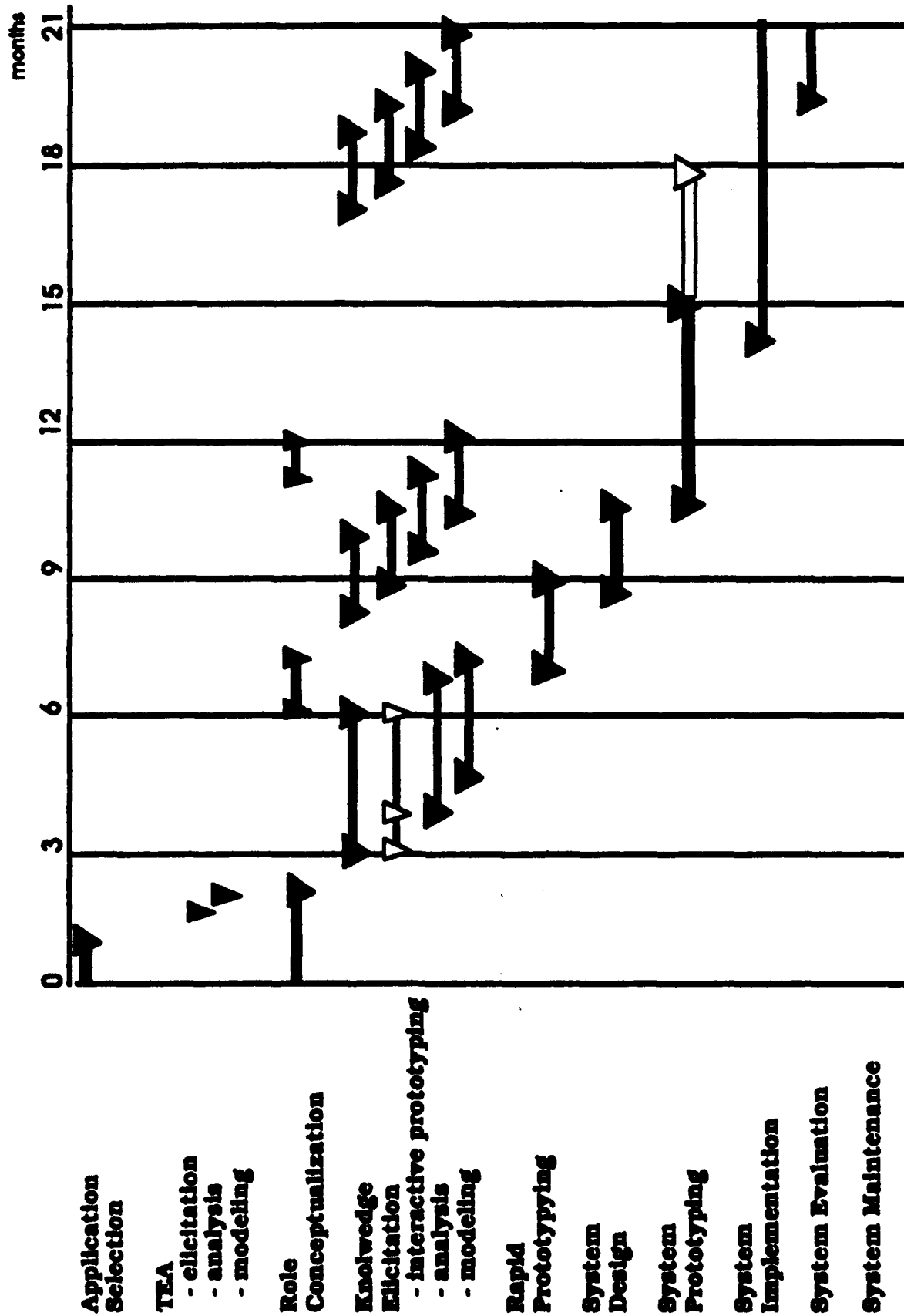


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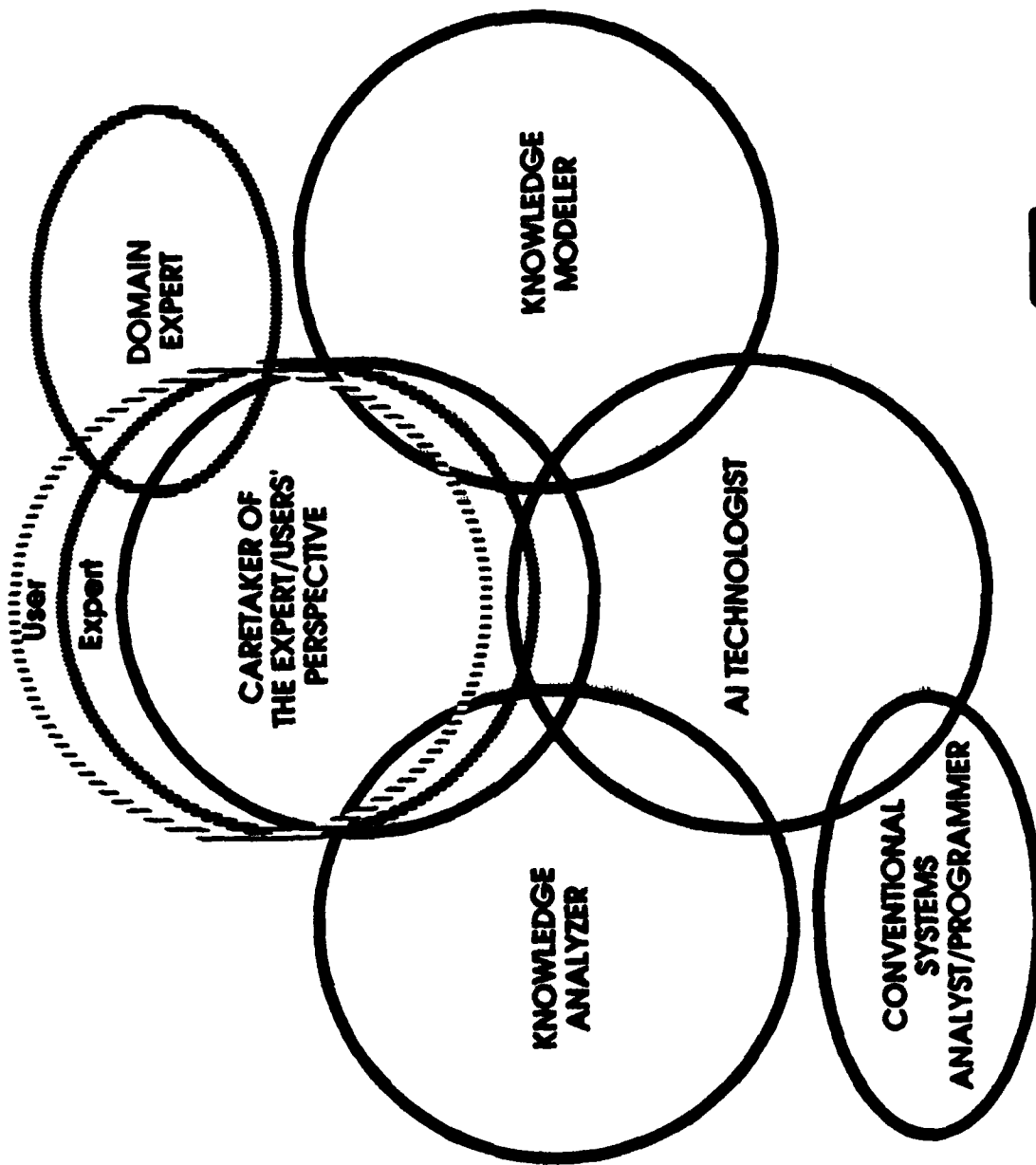




# LARGE SYSTEMS



# TEAM ROLES



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# **CARETAKER OF THE EXPERT/USER PERSPECTIVE**

- KNOWS HOW TO FIND OUT**
- **WHAT AN EXPERT KNOWS AND**
  - **WHAT THE USERS WANT**

## **SKILLS**

- **Relationship skills**
- **Interviewing skills**
- **Assertiveness skills**
- **Verbal/conceptual skills**
- **Enthusiasm for subject matter**
- **Applications sense**

# KNOWLEDGE ANALYZER

KNOWS HOW TO IDENTIFY THE ELEMENTS,  
THE KEY RELATIONSHIPS AND THE PRINCIPLES  
WHICH MAKE UP A BODY OF EXPERTISE

## SKILLS

- Linguistic Skills
- "Psycho-Analysis"
- Sociological skills
- Communication skills



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# **KNOWLEDGE MODELER**

**KNOWS HOW TO MAKE SENSE OF WHAT AN  
EXPERT KNOWS**

## **SKILLS**

- **Technical philosophy (especially logic)**
- **Conceptual synthesizer**
- **Cognitive psychology**



# AI TECHNOLOGIST

**KNOWS WHAT PROBLEMS CAN BE HANDLED  
BY AI SYSTEMS AND HOW TO REDUCE THEM INTO  
A SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND COMPUTER  
SOFTWARE**

## **SKILLS**

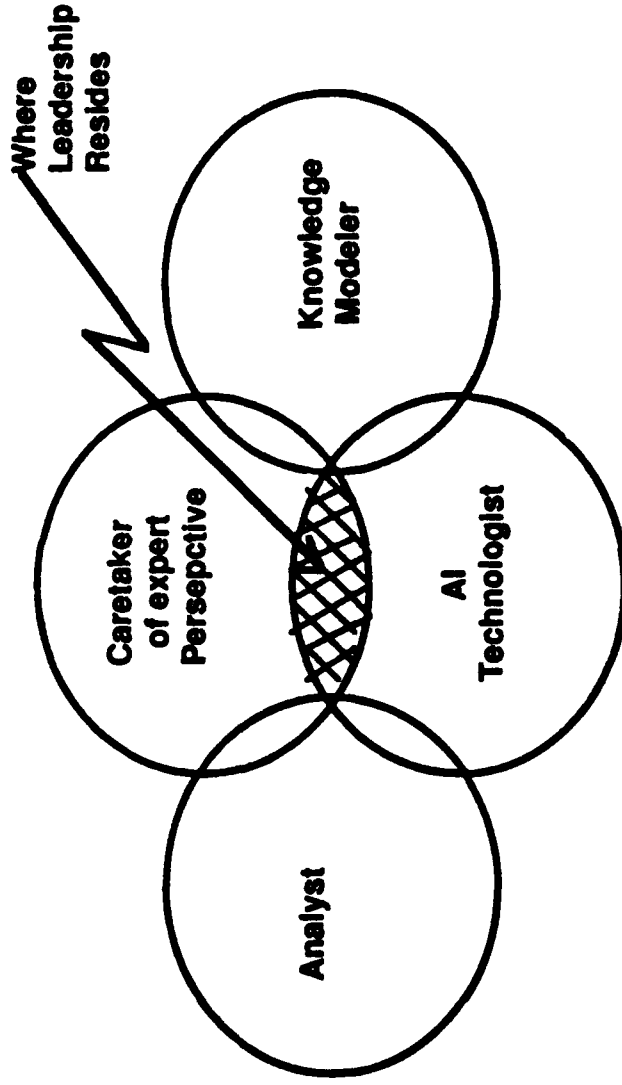
- **AI architecture**
- **Expert system experience**
- **Applications sense**



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## Who "Leads" the Interviews?



- Must have a "clear" idea of what knowledge the group is after
- Must have a good vision of possible functionality of the demo system
- Should have some clarity about the ultimate functionality of the system
- "Take the lead" means be the primary questioner

# ROLES IN KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION

- Subject matter experts
  - The expert -- the knowledge holder
  - Domain experts
  - Users
- Knowledge elicitors
  - Caretaker of the experts/user's perspective
  - Knowledge analyzer
  - Rational reconstructor
- AI technologists
  - System architect
  - Programmer



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## **DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES REQUIRED ON THE TEAM**

- **Cognitive Scientist's Perspective**
- **Psychologist's Perspective**
- **Ethnographer's Perspective**
- **System Analyst/Designer's Perspective**
- **Consultant's Perspective**



## **THE COGNITIVE SCIENTIST'S PERSPECTIVE**

- **Bring knowledge of how the human brain processes information and solves problems**
- **Understands the "meaning" of speech**
  - **vocabulary and temporal structuring utterances**
  - **degrees of completeness of utterances**
  - **speech bursts, speech acts, relation of speech acts to memory**



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## **THE PSYCHOLOGIST'S PERSPECTIVE**

- **Bring self awareness**
- **Understands how to foster communication**
  - **must reduce, not add to intimidating aspects of the situation**
  - **must recognize that some of his own values and attitudes will bar his understanding**
  - **must reveal himself sufficiently to gain trust**



## **THE ETHNOGRAPHER'S PERSPECTIVE**

- Bring self-awareness and naivete
- Understands the "culture" of the expert
  - purpose is to learn; not to judge
  - efficient, effective transfer of understanding
  - transfer is wanted, not translation
  - do not neglect artifacts, rituals and day-by-day routines



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## **THE SYSTEM ANALYST/DESIGNER'S PERSPECTIVE**

- **Bring knowledge of computer capabilities and system development techniques**
- **Understands the "capabilities" of a system**
  - **Tests the applicability of system concepts**
  - **Translates from "native" language into systems language**
  - **Emphasizes the "product"**
  - **Takes advantage of computer technologies**

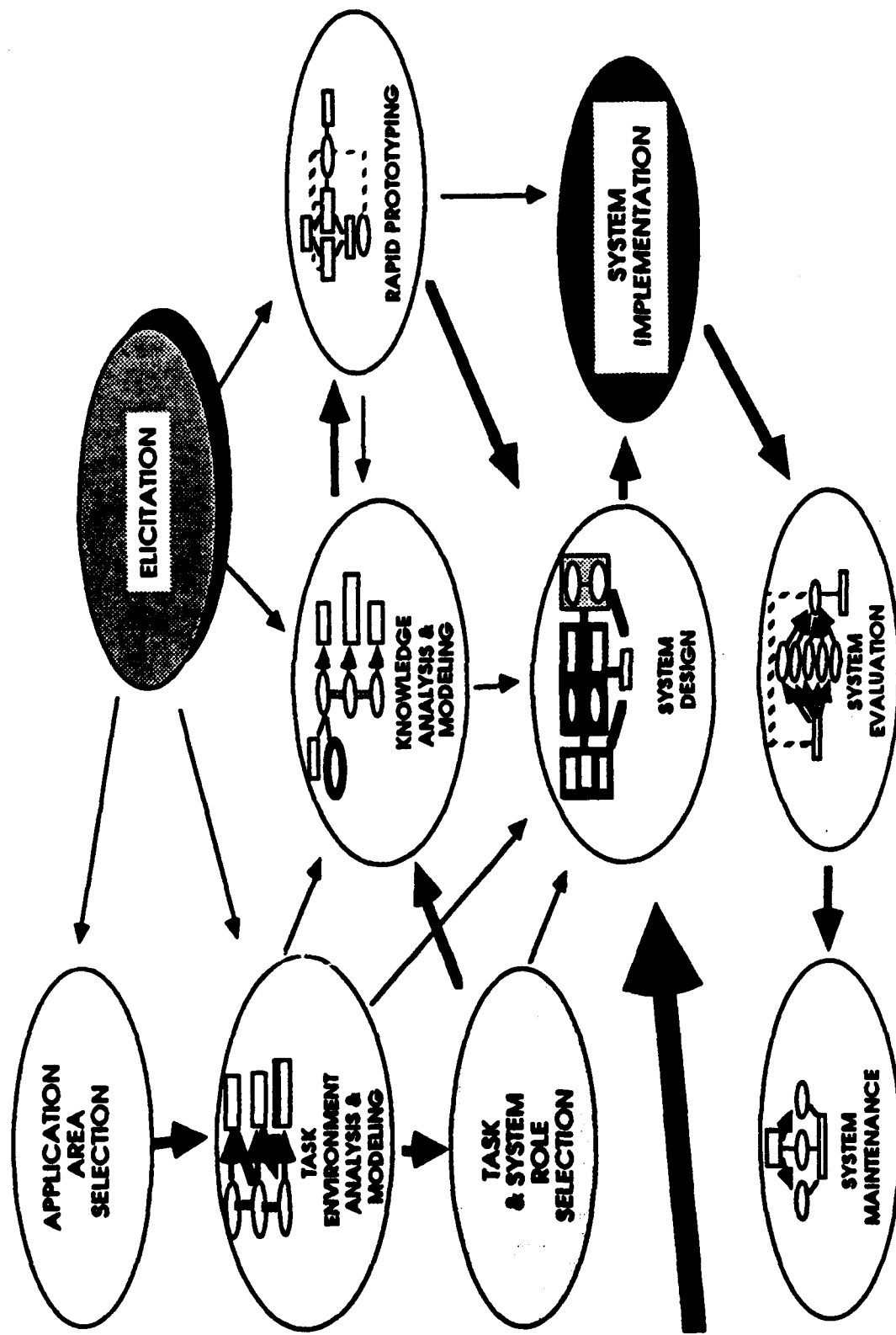
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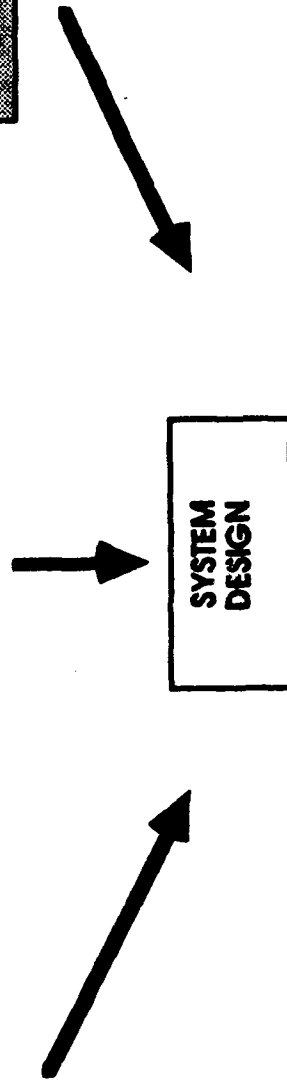
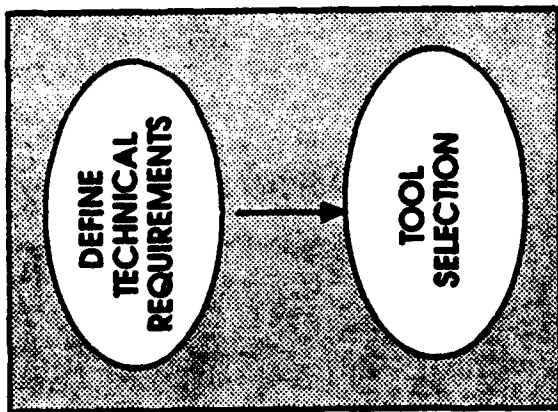
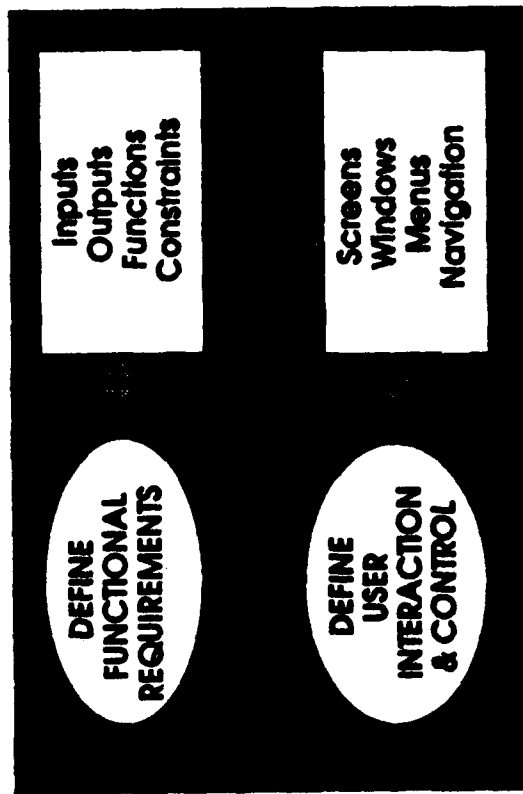
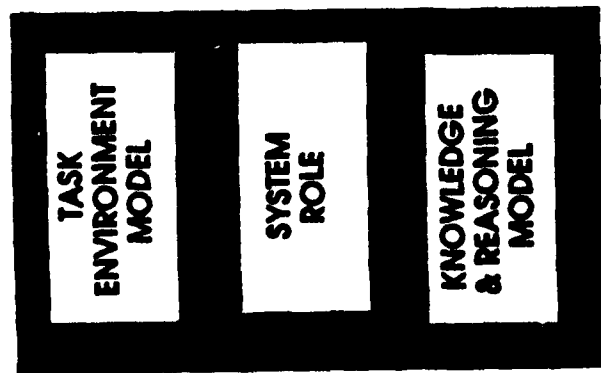
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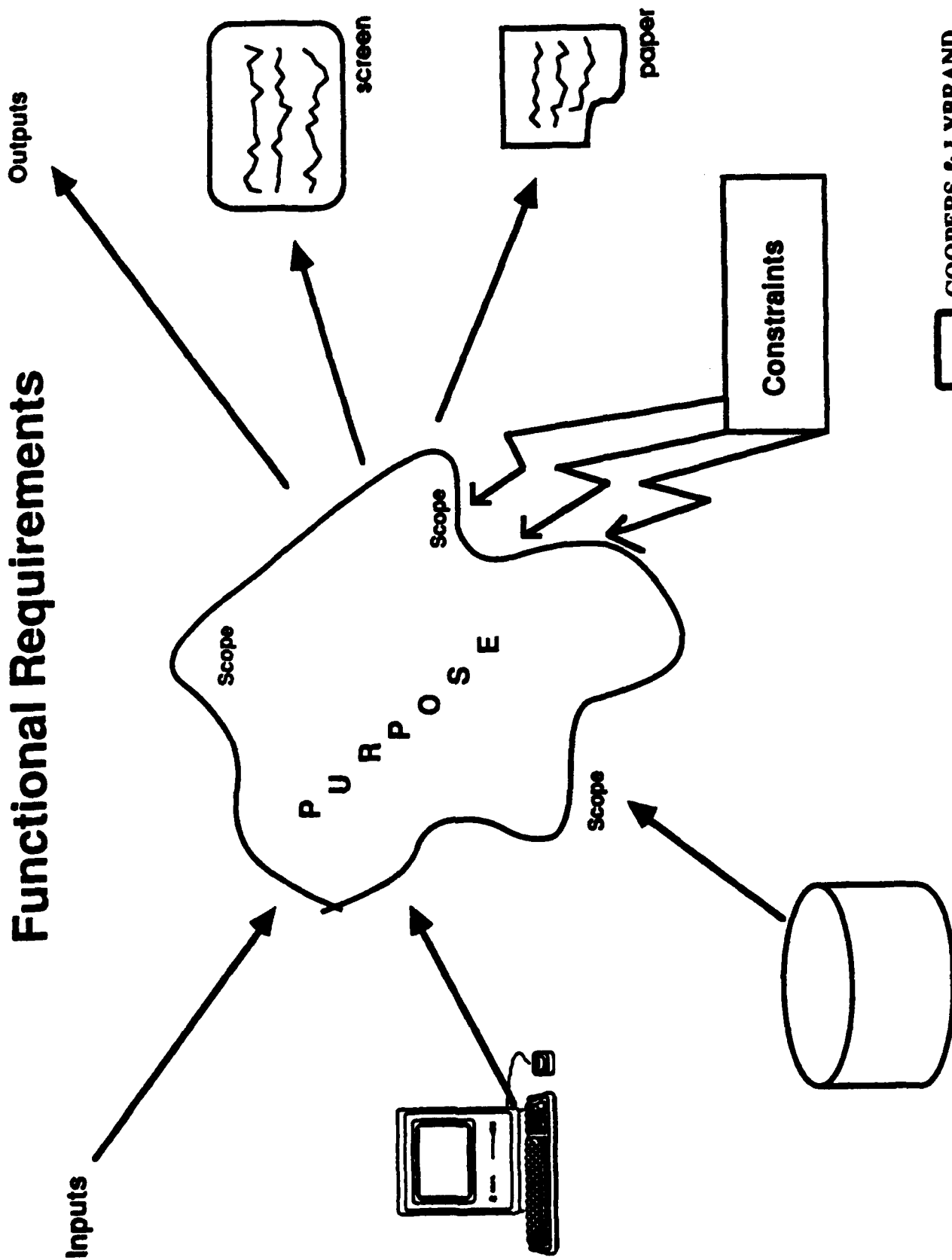


# SYSTEM DESIGN





# Functional Requirements



# FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Allocate System Roles**
  - **Human vs. System**
- **Describe System Behavior**
- **Establish Human Memory Demands During Task Performance**
  - **What is Remembered**
  - **Who Remembers it**
  - **How is it Remembered**
- **Establish the Location of Representations**
  - **internal vs. external vs. implicit representations**



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# **USER INTERACTION AND CONTROL**

- **Define the Script and Mode of User Interaction**
- **Establish What will be Accessible to the User**
  - **use task environment model to insure appropriate cognitive support**
- **Establish Explanation Requirements**
- **Establish Help Requirements**



# TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Define Knowledge Modules
  - what are they
  - objects
  - rules
  - navigation among them
  - forward vs. backward vs. mixed chaining
  - system control
- Define "permanent" system structures
- Define how complexity will be handled
  - flexibility of program
  - multiple knowledge bases
  - specialized versions of the system
- Select Tools



## SELECTING TOOLS

# **TYPES OF TOOLS**

**CUSTOM SYSTEMS**

**OFF-THE-SHELF SYSTEMS**

**OFF-THE-SHELF KNOWLEDGE BASES**

**APPLICATION SHELLS**

**DOMAIN TOOLS**

**GENERIC SHELLS/TOOLS**

**LANGUAGES**

**ENVIRONMENTS**

**OPERATING SYSTEMS**

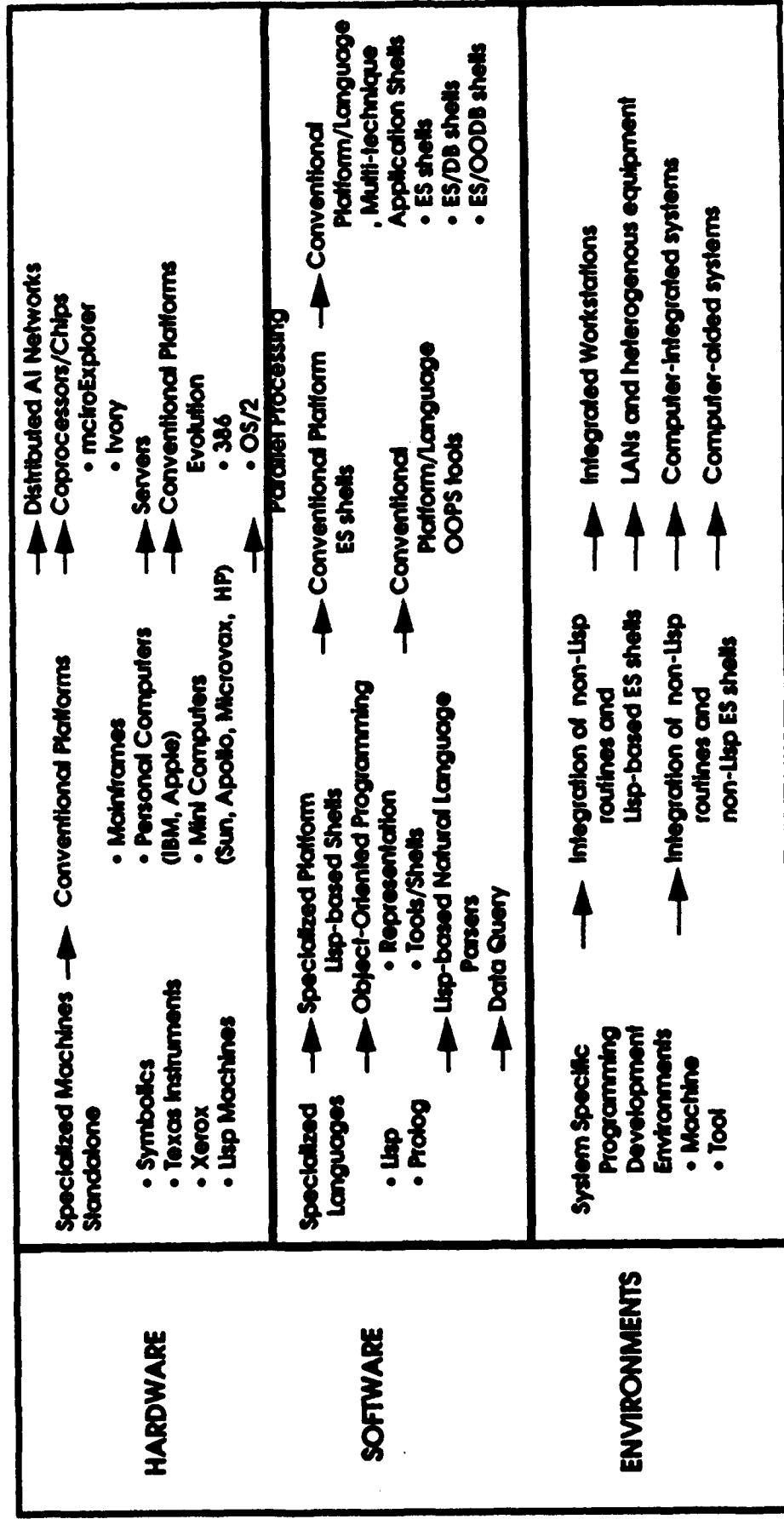
**HARDWARE PLATFORMS**



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# EVOLUTION OF ES/KBS TOOLS



# EXAMPLES OF AVAILABLE TOOLS

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	EHAMPLES
Custom Systems	knowledge-base systems designed to support a particular function within a specific environment/organization	DEC's XCON, GE's CATS/DELTA, AMEX's Financial Advisor, C&L's ExpertTax
Off-the-Shelf Systems	publicly available knowledge-base systems that handle a generic class of problems	SpinPro, MudMan, "Ask Dan" Tax Advisor, DuPont's 313 Advisor, Renault's Transmission Diagnostic Advisor
Off-the-Shelf Knowledge-Bases	publicly available "static" knowledge-bases that can be incorporated into a custom system	none currently available -- technology is still too immature
Application Shells	knowledge-based systems that address a specific problem and already have much of the solution built in - require some customization by the user	Palladian's Financial Advisor, Palladian's Operational Advisor, ETI's Directory Expert
Domain Tools	packages that contain the tools to address a specific type of problem but the approach and solution is left to the user	Intellipor's Simkit, Carnegie Group's Diagnostic Advisor, Gensym's G2, C&L's FFAST
Generic Shells/Tools	packages that contain generic knowledge representation and inferencing tools for developing knowledge-based systems	Inference's ART, Gold Hill's Goldworks, Neuron Data's Nexpert, TI's Personal Consultant Plus, Graphical's GBASE
Languages	computer languages that support a variety of programming features	Lisp, Prolog, C, Pascal, Fortran, Cobol
Environments	integrated programming environments that provide a variety of development tools usually for a specific language	TI Explorer Environment, Gold Hill Common Lisp Environment
Operating Systems	machine environments that support file manipulation, memory management, etc.	DOS, Windows, UNIX, Finder
Hardware Platforms	physical computer architecture including processor and memory configurations	Compaq 386, Compaq 286 w/Hummingboard, Symbolics machine, microExplorer, Sun, VAX, MAC II, IBM 3070



# PERSONAL COMPUTER TOOLS

## HARDWARE

80286

80386

PC XT/AT

PS2/60

PS2/80

RISC

MAC II

Mac SE

## SOFTWARE

Goldworks

Nexpert Object

Guru

Aion - PC

M1

Insight 2+

Personal Consultant +

Exsys

1st Class

## LANGUAGES/TOOLS

Lisp

C

DOS

Windows

OS-2

Finder

Networks

DBMS



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# WORKSTATION TOOLS

## HARDWARE

80386  
PS/80  
RISC  
Mac II  
microVax  
Sun  
Apollo  
Symbolics  
TI Explorer  
LMI Lambda

## SOFTWARE

Goldworks  
Nexpert Object  
ART  
KEE  
KnowledgeCraft  
S1  
G-Base  
Flavors

## LANGUAGES/TOOLS

Lisp  
C  
OPS 5  
UNIX  
Windows  
OS/2  
VMS  
Finder  
Special  
Networks  
DBMS



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# MAINFRAME TOOLS

## HARDWARE

VAX  
IBM  
other

## SOFTWARE

Nexpert Object  
Aion ADS  
ESE  
Knowledge Tool

## LANGUAGES/TOOLS

Lisp  
C  
MVS, CICS, etc  
Networks  
DBMS

## TOOL SELECTION CRITERIA

- Complexity required
  - knowledge representation
  - reasoning language
  - debugging tools
- Graphics and Interface Tools
- Ease of Use
- Hardware Requirements
- Portability
- Interfaces to Other Systems
- Availability
- Cost



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